

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a black Canon EOS 7D DSLR camera. The camera's lens is the central focus, and its reflection clearly shows the architecture of Mount St. Mary's College, including a large building with a dome and a bell tower. The person has long, dark hair. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**2013-2014**

# PERSPECTIVE

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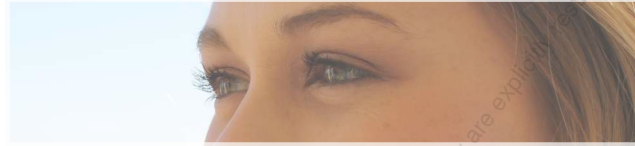
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# PERSPECTIVE



### *What defines Mount St. Mary's?*



It's not our name that makes us who we are; in the words of Shakespeare, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

So, if words cannot describe Mount St. Mary's, *what can?*

What makes us so special?

It is the stories of our daily lives and everything that we accomplish while being here. Our actions on and off of campus create a waterfall, a flow of cause and effect, that runs through the veins of our student body. We, together, make up the school. We define it. And as such, we all depend on each other unknowingly. But the beauty of Mount St. Mary's is that no one needs to be the same to create a beautiful picture. On the contrary, our differences are what make our image so outstanding.

Mount St. Mary's is a college filled with students that push each other far. Or do you deny that you have helped at least one friend with a test? Or grabbed a friend and forced her to walk the loop with you to get her on her feet? Or maybe you have stolen a sip from your friend's coffee because he was too caffeinated already? Or have found the strength to stay up all night with friends to pull off amazing club events?

But we wouldn't be able to push them as far if we did not have the capacity to see the world in different ways—different ways to balance each other. Life is all about perspectives. In this book we can see just how many perspectives fill the grounds at the Mount.



# 2013 SUMMER

Summer consists of two parts. The first part is filled with fun and excitement; free of school and full of lazy days just lounging around with friends you've missed all year. You enjoy these days without a care in the world. The phrase, Hakuna Matata, or, no worries, suddenly becomes your motto. You get your well-deserved rest from studying or any other school functions. It's a time to be carefree.

While the first part is easygoing and laid-back, what follows next could be just the opposite. The other half of summer is full of preparation, anticipation, and new hopes for the upcoming school year. You suddenly realize there isn't enough days left to do all the things you need to do before your first day. You already start to miss the earlier days of the season.

Summer has a unique spirit; it creates memories that last, it instills an essence of freedom that other seasons do not.

What can we say about summer? It's just about the busiest, laziest, days of our lives and once it ends, we crave for a taste of it all over again.

From Left:  
Athenians- Rocky Wuthrich,  
Ermelo Pena, Arnold Maningo  
Josh DeGuzman, and Micalob Tri  
during the 2013 Chalon  
Orientation.





06-07 *Study Abroad*  
08-09 *Summer Instagram*  
10-11 *Orientation*



# CROSSING BORDERS

What would you give to see all the world has to offer? To travel across oceans and discover what goes on beyond our borders? For others, it might sound impossible — but it's not. Sure, we're full time students, and our day consists of going through lecture after lecture, hour after hour; but that doesn't mean our life needs to remain strictly within the confines of the classroom walls.

Fellow Mount students have experienced first-hand a few of the numerous beauties our world gives us. From hugging koala bears *Down Under*, to visiting Buddhist temples in Asia. Students were able to go on such amazing adventures as part of their college experience.

There are many opportunities that are given to us as Mount students. Some individuals have studied abroad for a whole semester while others go on trips during the summer. During their travels students gain life-long friendships and once in a lifetime experiences. Their horizon has expanded to great new lengths and they can now call themselves sophisticated intellectuals.

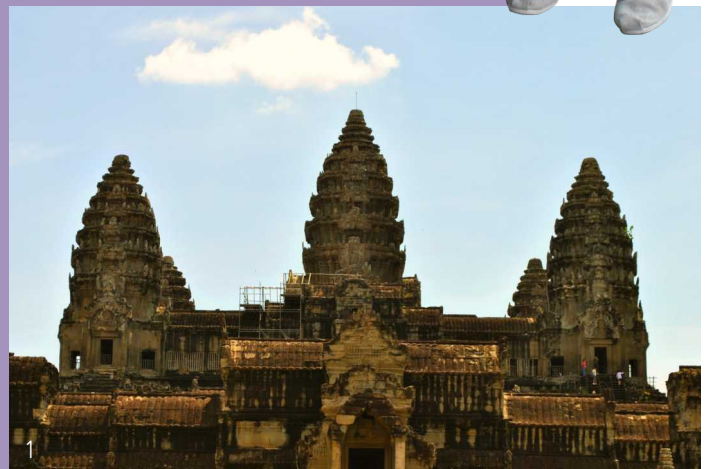


Ileana Vargas  
Vietnam / Cambodia /  
Thailand  
Cultural Immersion Trip  
May 2013

*"My favorite part was exploring the Ho Chi Minh trails where the Vietnam war was fought."*

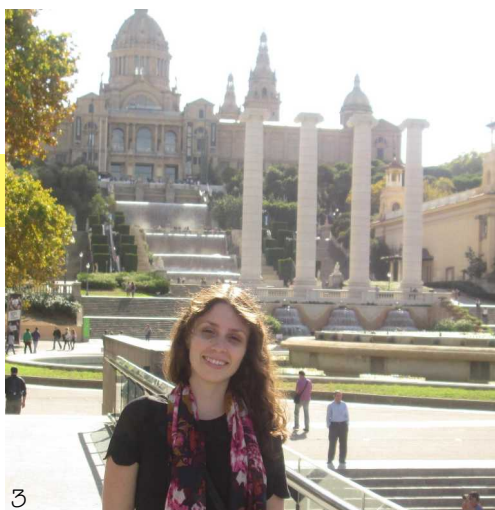


Ileana visiting baby elephants in Thailand



1. One of the many ancient buildings in Cambodia
2. Exotic fruits from Thailand





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Maria de Jesus

Gutierrez

Granada, Spain

University of

Granada

Spanish Major

History Minor



"When I was in high school, one of my favorite Spanish Literature teachers talked about his missed opportunity of studying abroad and how much he regretted it. I did not want to go through the same experience, and that is why once I had the opportunity to study abroad, I took advantage of it."

3. Magic Fountain in Barcelona, Spain

4. la Osa y el Madrano in Madrid, Spain

5. Albayzin with a view of the city of Granada, Spain



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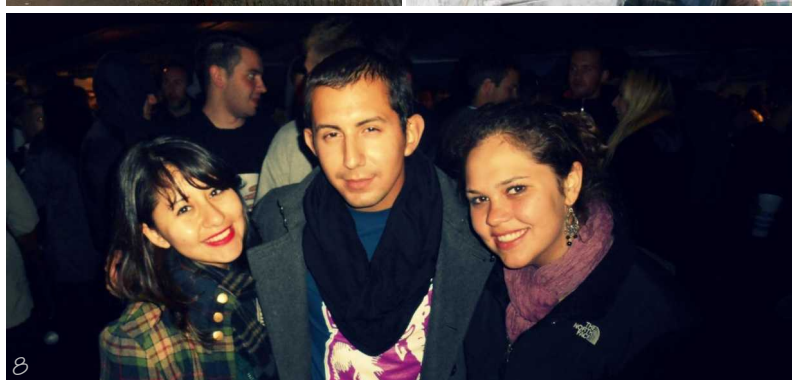
"My favorite thing about Rome...that's hard. I can't pin-point one specific thing. I love how easy going the people are here. People know how to enjoy life in the present rather than worrying about the future."



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6. Rome, Italy just outside of the Colosseum

7. Munich, Germany walking around the city

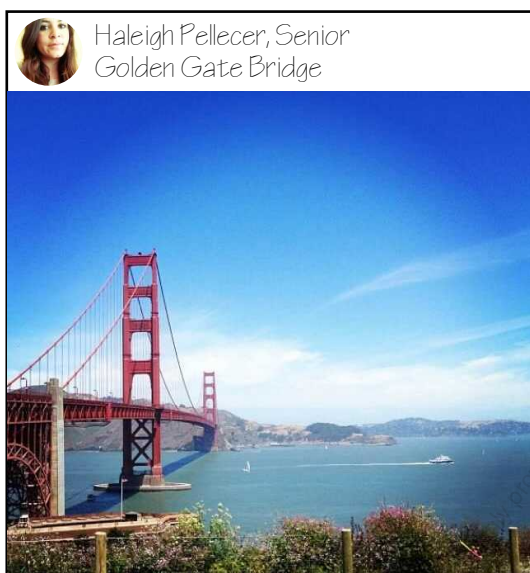
8. Munich, Germany at the Stoke Travel's Campside Party



# INSTAFAMOUS

It seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating the start of summer vacation. Papers, exams, and projects were a thing of the past. We excitedly made plans to unwind and have fun with friends and family. What did you do during these 120+ days of vacation? Did you travel to other continents? Did you spend quality time with people you've missed? Or did you catch up on all those shows you've neglected due to your hectic school schedule? The options

were almost endless. But one thing you most likely did this summer -- was update your Instagram. It couldn't be helped. I mean, what better way to share with the world the amazing things you've accomplished this summer than by posting those photos and getting x amount of likes from your many followers? So when asked "What have you done this summer," these are just a few things that might have come up-- "Instagram-style."



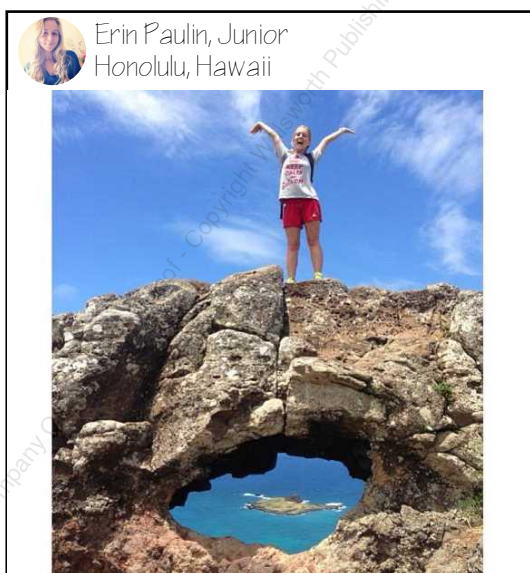
 Haleigh Pellecer, Senior  
Golden Gate Bridge

Taking a road trip to San Francisco during a crisp sunny morning is worth the drive!



 Katrina Tayo, Sophomore  
Mykonos, Greece

Sister bonding outside of the country. How cool is that?!



 Erin Paulin, Junior  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Finally home to hike the mountains of O'ahu and enjoy the beautiful view.



 Madison Hernandez, sophomore  
Noho

Yes, a Vine addict! So what's more awesome than meeting famous Viners?!





Maria Moran, Senior  
Bourbon Street, New Orleans



Despite the hot weather, visiting a Voodoo shop is definitely amazing!



Kristina Decena, Senior  
Thailand



Appreciating the amazing Buddhist Temple during a cultural immersion trip!



Leslie Rabena, Senior  
Cancun, Mexico



Visiting the beautiful Chichen Itza, one of the 7 New Wonders of the World!



Tricia Velena, Senior  
Dodger Stadium



Bonding with the Orientation Leaders before the big "Orientation Weekend!"



Savannah Moore, Senior  
U.S. Supreme Court Washington, D.C.



The Supreme Court struck down DOMA & Prop 8 during an amazing DC internship!



Jessica Martinez, Senior  
La Jolla Beach, San Diego



Overlooking the beautiful scenery along with amazing MSMC ladies.



# A NEW CHAPTER

## Welcome to the Mount Family

New faces crowded the Circle as the Class of 2017 arrived for this year's Orientation. O-Leaders tried their best to maintain order while keeping people animated and ready for a fun-filled weekend. The Orientation was intended for the new students to familiarize themselves with the ins and outs of Mount St. Mary's while creating lasting bonds with their peers and the Mount community.

Freshmen partook in ice breakers and activities in order to get to know each other. The freshmen did not let the sweltering heat bring them down, but instead let their laughter lift their spirits up. They ran around playing games and having a great time while getting to know more about the college. They attended workshops intended to give them all the information they needed to start the school year on the right track. Both Chalon and Doheny campuses did a fantastic job in providing memorable experiences for the incoming students.



Bottoms up! Root beer floats were given to all the freshmen during Orientation. As part of their welcome, the cups were personalized with messages from Alums.



The O-Leaders pinned students in their O-groups with the fleur-de-lis, a symbol of the college, at the end of the Orientation weekend as a part of a long-standing tradition at the Mount.



The Chalon campus concluded its orientation with a Mass open to all the new students and their family members. It was a way to bring everyone together.



Doheny Orientation ended on a good note, filled with laughs and good vibes as seen here. O-leaders spent a whole day getting to know their group members and by the end of it all, they made lasting friendships.



Nicole Jovellano, an O-leader, smiles during ice breakers as she gets to know her group members and provides them with entertainment.



Despite the gloomy weather during the Doheny Orientation, students still had smiles on their faces and even went so far as to get acquainted with each other before the event officially started.



Candles in the air, the Doheny freshmen and the rest of the Mount community continued their orientation with blessings and prayers for a successful school year.



At this point, the semester is already in full swing and in the midst of all the school hubub, you barely realize the tiny changes happening all around you—the leaves have finally started to change color, the sun is more often than not, covered by layers and layers of gloom, and when you go outside, the wind is crisp and cool. It's great, isn't it? Autumn is finally here!

You say goodbye to your tank tops and denim shorts and start wearing knit scarves and layers upon layers of clothing. Let's not forget those leather boots. How can you? You've been waiting for the day "Sweater Weather" finally returns. Like the preparing for the weather, we're also getting geared up for other transitions in our lives. As college students, we prepare for midterms, finals, and the endless onslaught of papers to write. The stress levels are high. But as you sip on that pumpkin spice latte, wondering how you're going to pull an all nighter and still get up in time for class, don't forget to stop and breathe. Don't forget to enjoy the little things this season has to offer. Fall is calm, it is cool; let's learn a thing or two from it.



# FALL 2013



**14-15***Moving In  
Commuter Retreat***16-17***Spirit Rally  
Mount After Dark***18-19***Student Involvement Fair***20-21***S.T.E.M.***22-23***Women's Leadership  
Conference***24-25***Mass of the Holy Spirit***26-27***Electric Dance Marathon  
Alcohol Awareness Day***28-29***Charity Ball***30-31***Mount in the City  
Haunted Mansion***32-33***Fall Fair***34-35***WASC Showcase  
Grad School Fair  
Blood Drive***36-37***Lighting of the Circle  
Finals Week*



# AND IT BEGINS

As a Mount resident, the first step of starting a new school year is moving into the dorms. For freshmen it is the first time living without their parents and being miles away from home. Every year the Mount does their best to make students feel welcomed and comfortable so that they enjoy their residency. Both Doheny and Chalon campuses offer the best care for all occupants.

## DOHENY RESIDENT LIFE



"Living at the Mount has given me many opportunities that I wouldn't have received as a commuter. It made my college life easier and worthwhile."

-Francesca Dimaisip



"Living at the Mount has taught me to be my own person. I love it more and more everyday."

-Amanda Hordo



"Living in the dorms exposed me to the 'college life' many people share."

-Khirsty Randles



"Living at the Mount gave me a positive vibe of the college campus and it is very convenient if I need to go somewhere as it is just a step away!"

-Celina Bongar

## CHALON RESIDENT LIFE



"I love living at Chalon because it is ten minutes away from class and my roommate is my new best friend."

-Tanya Morales



"Being a resident gave me an idea of what independence feels like!"

-Carolina Esquivel



"Living at Chalon is a great way to meet and bond with people and create friendships that last a lifetime!"

-Allyson Uy





On August 25, 2013 there were 57 beautiful commuters who made an extra effort to wake up early and come to campus a day before classes even started. Most people would question if making the trip and losing sleep was worth attending the commuter retreat; but everyone who was there can agree that it certainly was. Not only did the Student Programming and Commuter Services staff keep the day short and sweet, but they also packed important information and fun games into the session. The icebreakers that the team prepared got everyone moving, circulated the blood flow, and had everyone laughing. Of course for anyone who could not run on fumes the staff was courteous enough to provide a free bagel breakfast from Noah's Bagels and a free lunch provided by Subway. Aside from the fun activities, the commuter panel members were professional with their speeches. The staff prepared impressive PowerPoint presentations filled with road maps, traffic reports, examples of de-stressors, and several other useful tips to keep commuters from going insane or exhausting themselves throughout the year. All in all, it was a versatile and productive morning.



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**Student Perspective:** Freshman, Jennifer Vazquez attended the Spirit Rally during Welcome Week. "It was the first campus event that I've ever attended. When my class ended, I saw people getting free towels and other goodies at the Circle and I heard music playing. I liked the effort that Welcome Week Committee put forth for this event. I thought the whole concept was very fun, entertaining, and creative."



# ATHENIAN PRIDE

## CHALON

Students came to the Circle to enjoy the Welcome Week Spirit Rally and to show their Athenian pride by participating in a number of activities. 97.1 AMP radio showed up with a great DJ who played music and kept the crowd lively. Students did not need to be asked twice - plenty took center stage to dance and bust a move! But the fun did not end there! There were opportunities to win prizes through games and some students were even able to make their own personalized MSMC pennants which many people waved in the air to show their school pride.



Isabel Guzman shows her newly decorated colorful pennant that shows her school spirit!



Students cheer with their Mount towels before they bring out their creative side and decorate them with fun colors and glitter!

## DOHENY

The two most memorable events of Welcome Week were the Commuter Registration and the Welcome BBQ. The Commuter Registration "was mostly undergrads that wanted to know where to get their sticker, handbooks and lockers. They also wanted to know what was going on on campus and ways to get involved" stated Maribel Gonzalez, Graduate Intern of Commuter Services. The Welcome BBQ was a fun filled event that was "open to the whole population of students from traditional to non-traditional students. There was also a photo booth that was very popular" -Maribel Gonzalez said with excitement.



Students decorate frames to hold their most memorable moments.



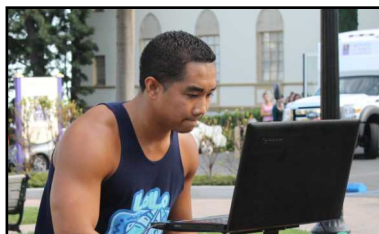
The fun continues as students grab their delicious BBQ lunch!



# Mount Dance Night



Maria Moran and Jacqueline Bautista just cannot contain their excitement for mac and cheese!



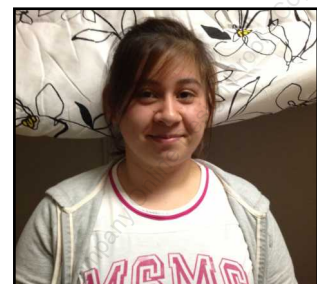
Alex Joson shows his DJ skills by playing the best tunes!



New and returning students get to know each other while waiting for the night's festivities to begin!



Friendships, amazing memories and a fun night is the best way to describe Mount After Dark. Especially with a showing of "Pitch Perfect"!



Christina Lopez, a sophomore medical sociology major, recalls a number of fun moments at Mount After Dark. Christina stated in excitement "I enjoyed watching Pitch Perfect with my friends and getting a free glow stick. It was more than I had expected it to be."

On a hot Thursday afternoon, many Athenians began to line up in front of the Student Lounge for their mac and cheese provided by MacOlicious food truck. They were told that the lucky first 160 Athenians would receive this delicious treat for free! Waiting in line in the blistering heat proved to be well worth it when they received their cheesy treat. The excitement continued to rise as Mount Movement showed off their amazing hip hop routine. They were so energetic in their performance that students seemed to want to dance along with them. As the darkness of night began to overcome the Circle, Alex Joson brought the party with his expert DJ skills. Everyone got to their feet as Alex dropped the beat and played everyone's favorite songs. The Circle was soon full with laughter and dancing as the night wore on and the music played loud. As if the night couldn't get any more thrilling, the movie Pitch Perfect played on a big screen for students to view as they laid out on the lawn next to the Mary statue.



# FOUND:

## Your Athenian Family



It's a beautiful day, Thursday September 5th, here at the exquisite Mount. Graceful Athenians fly through the Circle searching for the perfect spot; students from every club and organization gather in preparation for the Student Involvement Fair. Not too far, Doheny Leaders buzz near the cafe, busy preparing their own booths. You can see the spark in every person's eyes as they greet future proteges. E-board members from both campuses speak passionately about their mission and activities as they radiate nothing but positive vibes. At Chalon, a crowd of students head straight for the Ben & Jerry's booth for the chance to cool off in the hot air. "Everyone was very welcoming, I had high expectations from last year and they were definitely met!" says Julie Chambers, a sophomore Business major. Her heart-filled laughter was joined by her fellow Athenians as Women's Leadership called out the names of the lucky raffle ticket winners. Na Pua O Ka 'Aina danced through the Circle and back to their booth, gleaming with spirit. Health Services at Doheny called out inviting students to spin their famous wheel. Faces light up as a group of students find their place as an Athenian. After, the campuses don't seem quite the same anymore. On these days, they didn't just meet prospective club members. They met a missing piece of their family.



"It's such a great way to get to know the Mount."  
- Marielle Shrock

1. Light feet, tame appearance, and fierce performance, Sigma Theta Psi gracefully dance through the Circle.



2. Haley Williams and Crystal Burgess warmly invite you to join their family at AACW.

3. Alpha Tau Delta greet future nurses with bright smiles.



4. Feeling glum? Talk with Counseling and Psychological Services about it!



5. Paulina Aguilar and Meghan Capucio enjoy some Ben & Jerry's to cool off during this hot day.

6. Ask and you shall receive. W.I.S.H. and it may just be granted!



7. HealthServices invites you to come on down and spin the wheel!

8. Voice your opinion by registering to vote!



# SCIENTISTS In TRAINING

Science.Technology.Engineering.Mathematics. (S.T.E.M.)

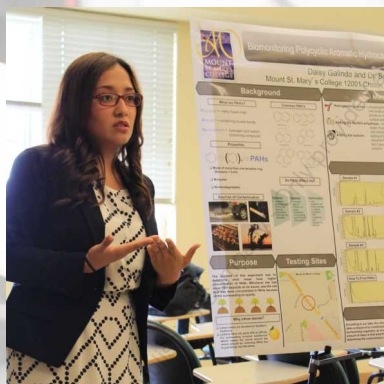
As seen throughout the years, Mount St. Mary's is a college that provides several opportunities for all its students. The students who major in Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Math are privileged enough to have the STEM program very early on. While most schools do not allow students to be a part of research projects until their upper division years, the unique part of Mount St. Mary's STEM program is that it allows students to start their research during their freshman year. With the opportunity to work side by side with faculty, the freshmen are paired with upper division mentors to help them with both the transition in their personal life and in their academic life. STEM gives their students the chance to meet and interact with professionals in the scientific field. These conventions are held at different universities in California, such as UC Davis or UC Irvine, thus providing several opportunities for networking. In addition to STEM's extensive work with their members, they also work with the school to make improvements in their respective science departments. This collaboration is showcased in projects such as the remodeling of room 200 in the Administration Building, which most people can agree has been completely transformed for the better. The renovation was only possible with the help of the grant that STEM earned for being an incredible program. In fact the donors were so impressed that they awarded STEM a grant of 6 million dollars to be spread out over a five year span. Students start off in the summer program, commit long hours during the school year, and attend workshops so that in the end, they are ready and confident in their presentations. They develop their skills to become the future great scientists. Students get to display these newly acquired skills at a symposium in which they present their research either orally or with a poster. During these symposiums that take place around the third or fourth Saturday of each month, the professors ask questions and test the students' knowledge by making them think critically. This may seem rather intimidating, but it is part of what makes the program so wonderful-- it is a challenge. In the end, all forty members (and counting) continue to embark on their journey to pioneer in the science field.





Group photo of all who attended the STEM end-of-the-year celebration.

Karina Gallardo presents the enzyme research she has done for Dr. Peterson.



Rossy Pérez works diligently on her experiment during the STEM summer program.



Keisha Manning presents her research to Dr. Arvand.



Peer mentor training led by Dr. Jake Gordon.



# SMART CAPABLE STRONG BEAUTIFUL

There was a wide array of first timers and returnees from both the Mount and surrounding community as the 3rd Annual Women's Leadership Conference began at the Chalon campus. Once speeches and work sessions started women of all ages and even a few men were inspired by the different speakers that presented throughout the day. Dr. Kathy Magliato opened the conference's events by "leading with heart." Being one of the very few cardiothoracic heart surgeons in the United States. Dr. Magliato inspired the audience to do what it takes to fulfill all their aspirations. In spite of the people that tell you no, you should keep going until you find someone that will tell you yes.

"Part of being a leader is not just having a passion, but being able to communicate that passion to others." The conference was later closed by Bonnie St. John who shared her life story with us. Her life took a turn at the age 5, but it didn't hold her back from winning an Olympic medal as the first African American in ski-racing during the 1984 Paralympics. "Always look forward," was St. John's main message; even if you think that life isn't going the direction you thought it would go, always look forward. As the conference came to a close, many of the participants left inspired to continue reaching their goals.



Rachel Hollis thanking the audience for listening to her session "I Wish I Could Do This For a Living: Turning Passion into Profit."



Women Leading the Way in LA with (left to right) Dr. Helen Boutrous, Araceli Campos, Kimberly Freeman and Gwen Miller



Left to right: Natalie Corona, Rebeka Garcia, Bonnie St. John and Cindy De Leon-Torres





*"If you have a goal and someone tells you 'no,' go find someone that will tell you 'yes.'" - Dr. Kathy Magliato*

### *"It was an eye opening experience" - Nichole Catapusan*

Sophomore Chalon Resident Nichole Catapusan had enjoyed her first experience at this years Women's Leadership Conference, not only was she inspired to continue to excel in her academic goals but also in her personal goals.



Strategies for Work-Life Balance by Margaret J. Webber, Ph.D



Calah Hardin asking questions during Lessons from the Animal Kingdom Workshop





Father O'Brien raises the consecration of the body and blood of Christ.



Francesca Dimaisip and Auriell Gonzalez bring up the food donations.



Flor Ordonez and her mom help to bring the cloth used to cover the altar where the Eucharist is blessed.



Dr. Wendy McCredie, Dr. Linda Moody, and Bernadette Robert, help bring in the Gospel Book.



The wine and the Eucharist are ready to be distributed.



Doheny students and staff begin their Mass on a sunny California day.



In a continuation of the infamous tradition at the Mount, students, faculty and staff gathered together in their best red gear in honor of the Holy Spirit. At the celebration, the school joined together in praying for a blessing on the new school year. This year's mass included graceful dances by Na Pua O Ka 'Aina and Mount Movement. Along with Father O'Brien, President Ann McElaney-Johnson and others helped distribute the Eucharist and Blood of Christ to the students. Mount Movement led people out of the mass with their final dance. Shortly thereafter everyone made their way outside to enjoy a delicious lunch in the circle and socialize with their friends under the beautiful sunny California weather.

## Chalon

President Ann McElaney-Johnson helps pass out the Communion to the students.



Marys Chapel shines the color of the Holy Spirit and welcomes all of the Mount community.



Mount Movement graces the audience with their beautiful dance at Mass!



Students get the chance to meet new people in the Circle during lunch after Mass.



Na Pua O Ka 'Aina continues the tradition of performing Hula during the special Mass.



Eucharistic minister, Beryl Salvatore gives the blood of Christ.



# DANCE FOR THE KIDS:

## Electric Dance Marathon

The Electric Dance Marathon is a night dedicated to all the children at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. The wonderful community at the Mount dedicated a night in October to dance in honor of the children to help to raise money that will allow them to provide assistance for the children in any way possible. Students rocked their bright colored dance gear, glow sticks, beads and attire to brighten up the night. At the end of the night, with the help of students, staff and faculty, the Mount raised a total of \$3,741 dollars!



1. Kriztel Agpoon and Allyza Movilla spread their energetic spirits at the dance.

2. Kirsten Puga, Alyssa Hernandez, Aisha Pascual and Elizabeth Young have a Kodak moment as they take a break from dancing for kids.

3. Noelle Venegas graces the crowd with her Tahitian dance.

4. Laura Gomez, Gaile Krause, Laura Crow, and Lindsey Conners spread their cheer to help raise money for Children Hospital Los Angeles.



# ALCOHOL AWARENESS

Mount St. Mary's has many ways of delivering important information, but their most effective method by far is by spreading awareness. Alcohol Awareness Day is dedicated to educate students about the uses and abuses of alcohol. This year, Student Programming and Commuter Services drew most of the attention toward the risk involved when women drink and the dangerous consequences of alcohol misuse. They promoted an understanding about alcohol and offered alternative activities such as discussing peer pressure and making the right personal choices.

Students were given the opportunity to taste Shirley Temples, a non-alcoholic beverage, a mix of strawberry syrup and Sprite. Every cup had an interesting myth or fact about alcohol and the high-risk dangers that can come from having a little too much. Students were also encouraged to take part in the Awareness Board, in which they were able to anonymously share their experiences with alcohol and give a short message of advice to their peers. After attending this event, many students left feeling more educated and more aware about the threat of alcohol. Education is an essential component for any comprehensive approach to alcohol prevention, the main focus is to help reduce harm. The annual Alcohol Awareness Day at the Mount successfully raises awareness and shares important knowledge with the student body.



## IN DEPTH: STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

What did you learn from Alcohol Awareness Day?

"I learned that alcohol is never the solution to a temporary problem. There is no point on relying on alcohol to make things better."

-Natalie Moreno, Freshman (Psychology)



1. Vanessa Cosme and Maricarmen Aguilera learn about the importance of drinking responsibly.
2. Myths and facts were posted on cups about alcohol to prevent students from coordinating their actions based on popular myths. This helps to prevent accidents and save lives.
3. Mitzuky Orellana and Aimee Reyes discover how fun and exciting it is to drink non-alcoholic drinks, especially refreshing shirley temples.



# CHARITY BALL

Different clubs and organizations on campus donated baskets filled with a variety of items to Charity Ball. Students who attend are given the opportunity to bid for these different baskets.

The Charity Ball extravaganza is an annual event hosted by the Chalon Associated Student Body. Clubs and organizations on campus donate baskets that are bid on during the festivities. This year Children's Hospital Los Angeles was selected to receive all the funds that were accumulated by the end of the night. Student Jassamy Freyre alone bid \$400 to have a one-on-one dinner with President McElaney-Johnson! Immediately following Freyre's lead, several other students were not afraid to place their bids. If that was not a foreshadowing of how successful the night would be, then what? In essence, students who bid the highest did receive special gifts and baskets, but they all remembered that this was done for a better cause. Children's Hospital Los Angeles was grateful to receive over \$3,000 that ASB raised that night.

This year, "Beyond the Looking Glass" was selected as the event's theme. The Charity Ball theme drew inspiration from the *Alice in Wonderland* story; thus great detail was put into the whole design of the event, as seen through the whimsical madhatter center pieces, the red and black playing cards lining the stairway in front of the Mary Chapel, and the creative signposts. Students came to Charity Ball dressed in their most elegant attire. It was a night filled with great food, beautiful music, and great acts of kindness by donating to such a worthy cause. ASB's Charity Ball was truly a night to remember.

*"It was a wonderful first experience. I truly enjoyed attending this event in support of the Children's Hospital Los Angeles..."*

-Sarah Aikman, Freshman







Rosario Medina and Victoria Awitten smile gracefully for the camera.



Zahura Hossain and Adriana Carmona smile for a snapshot before heading to the dance floor.



Theta Alpha Sigma gather around for a quick picture in their finest attire before the event begins.



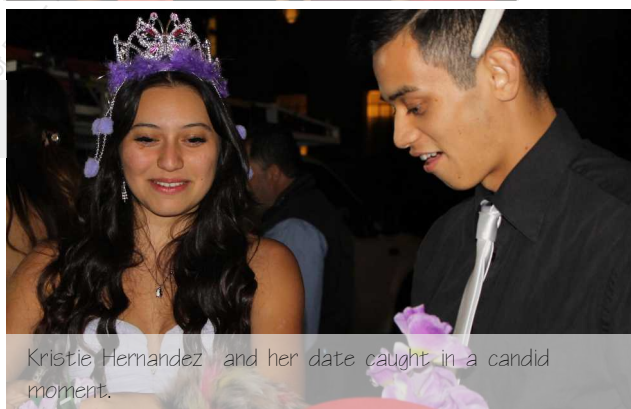
Students strike their best pose for the camera.



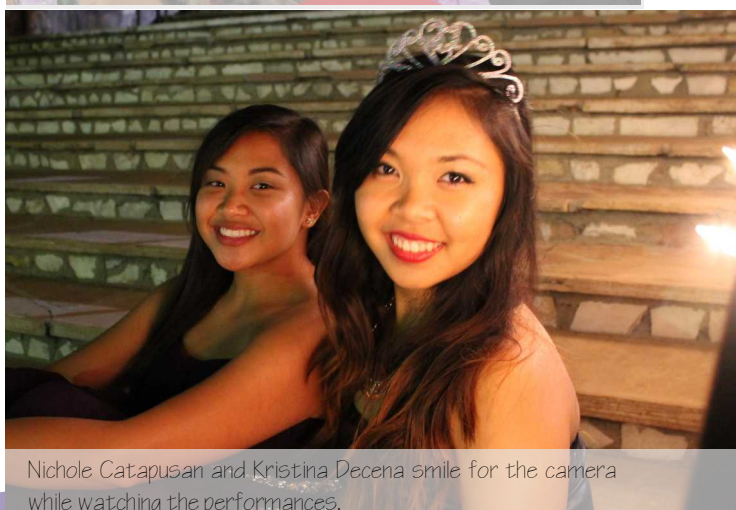
Jassamy Freyre excitedly claims the basket that she won from bidding.



Briana Dorton and Haley Williams attend the event on behalf of AACW.



Kristie Hernandez and her date caught in a candid moment.



Nichole Catapusan and Kristina Decena smile for the camera while watching the performances.



## SLEEPING BEAUTY



## WHALE WATCHING



## BEYOND THE BOOKS

When studying for hours on end, it feels like getting off the mountain is impossible, but it isn't as difficult as people may think. Mount St. Mary's Student Programming and Commuter Services makes having fun in Los Angeles possible while creating culturally enriching and relaxing events. Such excursions range from whale watching to watching the Sleeping Beauty ballet. In preparation for the contemporary ballet, the attendees dressed to impress.

"The girls had really beautiful dresses and I could see the amount of detail in the costumes for Sleeping Beauty, it was a really great ballet, I truly enjoyed it," said Freshman Carolina Esquivel. If the ballet isn't suitable for a student's taste, perhaps an ocean view in the whale watching trip would suffice. These are just two of several Mount in the City events that could satisfy students' various preferences.



2. Jaimie Huang and Beatriz Sanchez smile for the camera, all dressed up, for the Sleeping Beauty Ballet.



1. Dressed and ready to impress, the Mount girls smile before the ballet begins.

3. Smiling and enjoying the view Luigi Mendoza and Karen Gonzalez-Tapia enjoy each others company.



4. From left to right- Faraah Mullings, Grace Lim, and Jaimie Huang





# MOUNT ST. SCARY'S



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It started with a few nuns and a couple bags of candy, but now, Halloween is the biggest event of the year for the Mount community. Every year Mount students gather in Building 7 to stare at the large mountain of candy that the students accumulated for local children. As if dressing up as little princesses and warriors wasn't wild enough imagine all those children with twenty-two thousand pounds of candy. Ghosts and goblins invaded the campus as the children lined up to mingle with Mount student's and faculty before receiving the treat they had looked forward to all year-- candy. They also got the chance to enjoy face-paintings, pumpkin carvings, and a secure environment to trick-or-treat in. Furthermore, Campus Ministry put on a maze for the older kids and teenagers to ensure that the whole community could be involved in the Halloween festivities offered at Mount St. Mary's Doheny Campus.



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1. Volunteers laugh through the night as Halloween becomes redefined as a great holiday.

2. Doheny Mansion turns the school into a Mount St. Scary's spooktacular event!

3. Mount students eagerly wait for the gates to open so that kids can come trick-or-treating.

4. The young ladies pose in their costumes displaying their Halloween spirit.

5. Parents and children wait in line for candy, as patient as a child could wait.

6. Laura Gomez smiles with Humpty Dumpty showing her Halloween pride.



# PUMPKIN PIE AND LEAVES, Oh My!



It's Fall time, and you know what that means! Pumpkins, hoodies, boots, holidays and crazy California weather. Everyone is excited for the Fall, especially here at the Mount! But don't think you can only have fun off the mountain; with Fall comes great activities. This year's Fall Fair was a good one, featuring a Velcro Wall, Polaroid pictures, pumpkin pie, DIY dream catchers and candy apples. "We try to do something different every year, this year we were excited for our live entertainment!" Vanessa Gonzalez, a SPCS Coordinator shares. "We're happy more people came and they liked it too." Everyone was in the spirit; this could not have come at a better time with finals quickly approaching. Don't be too upset if you missed the Fall Fair this year because Student Programming and Commuter Services holds one every year!





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1. Marci Calderon signed in for awesome free fun.

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2. Carina Gutierrez and Daniela Franco capture the perfect moment with a Polaroid Picture!

3. April-Jane Peredo has a party in her tummy by getting pumpkin pie.



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4. Brandy Loves Alexander keeps our spirits up with beautiful music.

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5. Nicole Negrete and Christine Sta Ana capture our dreams with their creations.

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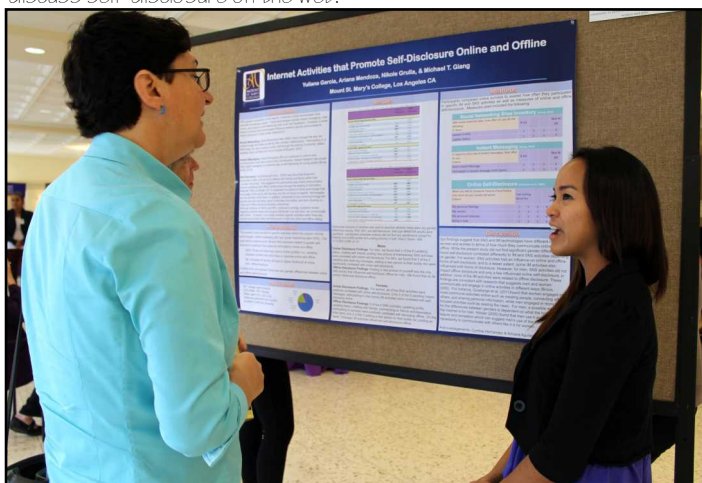




# LOOKING SHARP

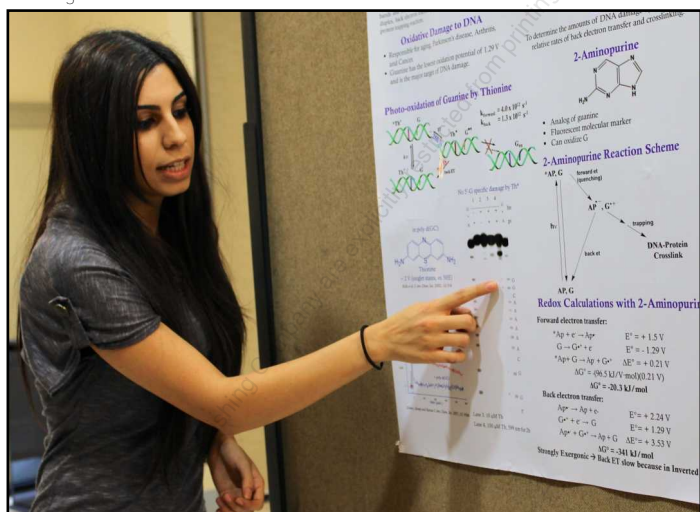
## msmc

A WASC representative and Nicole Grulla discuss self-disclosure on the web.



It was the biggest event of the year, student's particularly involved in prepping and working with faculty closer than ever in order to present the wonders of the school to the WASC committee. What is WASC you ask? WASC is the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, they are responsible for making sure that schools provide the most fulfilling educational experience for students. Many students, especially Katrina Khorozyan, aided in displaying the various learning opportunities the college offers as well as all the varied clubs, and aid the school gives to students ensuring the success of students. "The showcase had displayed in depth information about each office on campus and how that office functions here at the Mount," said Katrina Khorozyan. As student's explained how the various aspects of the college has helped shaped many young women and men into committed contributors to the well-being of society and the world. The WASC committee was in awe by the amount of passion for academia that each office and student carries. As well as, witnessing Mount St. Mary's in not only enabling women to see their strength and find their voice in society, but also aid them into becoming the strong women every one is meant to be.

Christina Khorozyan displays the research that she has conducted about DNA throughout the semester.

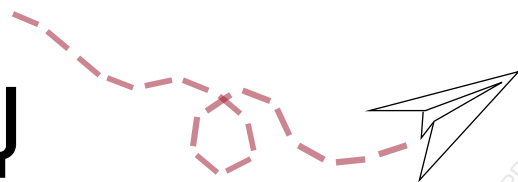


- 1.) Ileana Vargas interacts with the staff excitedly explaining her experiences as a Mount student.
- 2.) Smiling, Claudia Garcia stands next to her poster of the summer trips to Ghana that young women had attended during summer break.





# EXTENDING THE JOURNEY



This year's Graduate School Fair had a great turnout yet again. Graduate Programs from various colleges and universities sat down to talk to Athenians and share valuable information they need to continue their academic careers. Many students showed interest in pursuing a higher education in order to reach their goals.



## ONE PINT AT A TIME



Mount students readily helped those in need as they lined up and participated in the MSMC Blood Drive. Thanks to the collaborative effort of ATD, CNSA, and ASB Chalon, the event was a success. Professionals from St. John's Health Center were happy to aid in the process as they took blood pressures and assisted in withdrawing blood from the students. Athenians were more than willing to do what they could to help out those in need.





# LIGHTING OF THE CIRCLE

Christmas arrived early this year, as a matter of fact, it came as early as the night of Tuesday, November 19, 2013. The Circle was full of lights and holiday cheer as wonderful carolers sang their hearts out. Not only did Santa Claus attend the event but his brother and his wife did as well! Athenians were informed that the first 50 students would receive a special gift. The Circle quickly filled with students but the first lucky 50 in line only covered half of the Circle! The gift consisted of a tasty hot chocolate served in Christmas cups with the student's choice of toppings. The live band, carolers, decorative hot chocolate cups and Santa Claus were so festive and energetic that students didn't even seem to mind the cold.



Anais Maseda, Marina Pulido and Jennifer Kim danced and pranced in the jingle bell square in the frosty air.



President Ann McElaney- Johnson begins the frosty winter night with a carol.



Stephanie Villarian and Jessica Villanueva rocked around the Christmas tree and enjoyed the holiday festivities.



Faculty and staff begin the Christmas season with the Lighting of the Circle!



# THE MOTHER OF ALL EXAMS

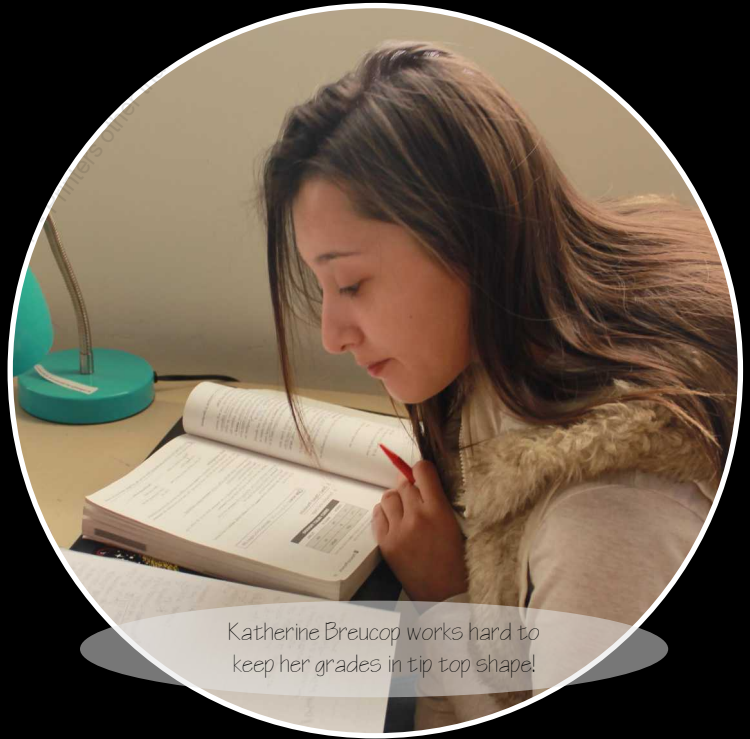
It's that time again! The time to really buckle down on your studies. The time to take that test that can either bring up your grade or lower it-- no pressure. The exam could either be cumulative, which is always dreaded, or it could just be over the material that the professor went over after midterms. Either way, it's time to give it your all. This is the time when halls that are usually lively with laughter and cheer are filled with silence and motivation. The lounges and library have never been so full all at once. Free coffee is given to the sleep deprived students who want to pull one last all-nighter. This is all in preparation for that one day to make your professor proud and to show how much you have learned in the course. It's time for those finals.



The best study spot on campus is the library, where you have computers, books and the best quiet area on campus.



Nicole Chang, Michelle Zuletta and Kristen Fregoso motivate and encourage each other to prepare for the mother of all exams.



Katherine Breucop works hard to keep her grades in tip top shape!



Ines Vera prepares to face her finals by reviewing notes, outlines and the textbook.



Diana Hernandez and Samantha Moreno show how A+ students use their free time and conquer exams, projects and final presentations.







# SPRING 2014

**40-41** *Athenian Day*

**42-43** *Women's History Month  
Language & Culture Fest*

**44-45** *Invitation to Serve*

**46-47** *Spring Carnival*

**48-49** *Athenian Awards*

**50-51** *Confirmation  
Earth Day*

**52-53** *Laurel Day  
Mary's Day*

**54-55** *AACW Variety Show  
Luau, PACN, Raza*

**56-57** *Admitted Student's Day  
Make The Cut  
Religious Ed Congress*

**58-59** *Finals Week, Moving Out*

Spring symbolizes a fresh start. A very fitting way to welcome the new year. Students come back to a new semester after a month of rest. With new resolutions and goals for 2014, Athenians are more than ready to tackle the year. Change is imminent. New classes, new professors— even the weather shifted from those winter glooms and to warm sunshines. As we all welcome this new beginning, we reflect on the past year and appreciate our blessings. Whether the 2013 was difficult or a breeze, the tomorrows that await us are certainly something we all look forward to with heads held high!





# A DAY

*I*t's finally here, our very own Athenian Olympics! Teams of clubs and organizations gather to prepare with stretches and warm ups. Last years winners, The Fitness Center, have their eyes set on the prize. The M&M's are ready with tons of energy. The Pink Ladies pack some heat for the other teams. Everyone has their game faces on. The Fitness Center is responsible for coming up with challenges and games for Athenian Day, "The theme changes from year to



1. Jassamy Freyre runs to the finish line, making her team proud!

2. Makayla Martin-Diaz conquered her belly flop and leaves the pool victorious.

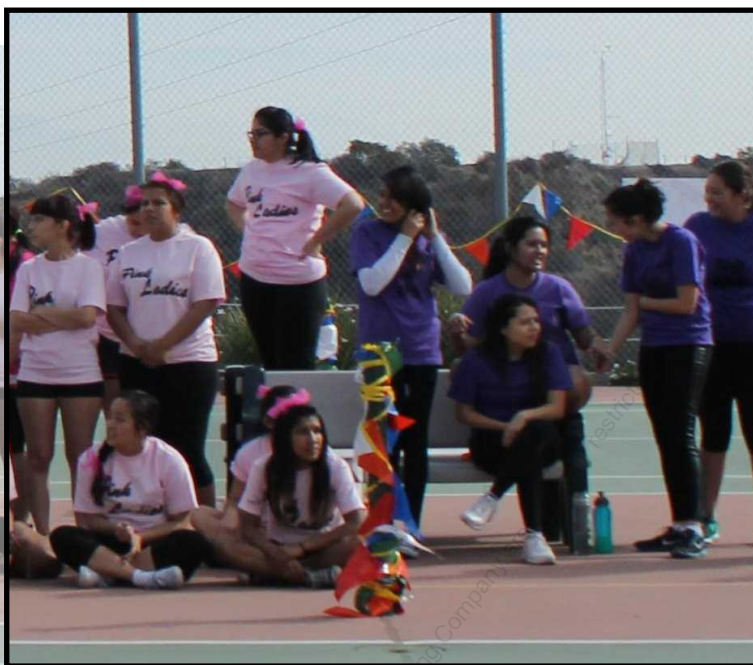
3. Ilse Garcia and Celia Botwin push the big wheel, testing their strength.

4. The valiant RA's cheer and show their war faces to everyone.

5. Feisty Femmes pack the heat for their Alma Mater.

6. Jeniffer McGuire concentrates on making the perfect domino effect.





# OF PLAY

year, so this year's theme was 'Go Big or Go Home,' says Taylor Montano. As fate would have it, The Fitness Center leaves the games with first place. The coveted Spirit award is given to the RAs. Everyone claps and cheers for their peers as they smile for the camera. Don't worry if you didn't get a chance to compete this time folks! There's one every year; even alumni participate. We'll see you next year Athenians, and may the odds be ever in your favor!



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7. The ISAE Athenians laugh with joy as the games begin.

8. Blanca Duenes and Cindy DeLeon-Torres smile, enjoying all the team's performances.

9. Suad Turjman makes a big splash, wowing the crowd.

10. Black Panthers roar with enthusiasm as they show everyone how to cheer.

11. Chicks of Anarchy are animated and determined to win.

12. DeAnna Consiglio and Mayra Hernandez have everything fall into place.



# THE BANKS



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# SOPHIST CATE

## YOURSELF

### *A Day of Diversity*

On Thursday, March 20, 2014, both Administration Lawn and the Circle flourished with students and guests taking part in the Academic Symposium and the 2nd Annual International Language and Culture Festival. On the Administration Lawn students and professors presented research on the projects that they worked so diligently to obtain. Each hypothesis was tested thoroughly to ensure that the information provided in the presentations were both complete and accurate. The Circle was filled with people from all over, celebrating their cultures and experiencing new ones. There were performances that ranged from Folklorico to Korean Drum Dance and more. Students eagerly gathered around to watch the dances and applauded cheerfully for all those who placed in the competition. The winners had huge smiles as they picked up their three hundred dollar checks. The friendly and entertaining competition was not the only amazing feature of the event. All around the stage there were different booths where people would receive free food and other keepsakes to remember the day. As if the atmosphere alone was not enough to show the spirit of the celebration, country flags, posters, banners, and dance equipment decorated the Circle all around. Any student that attended definitely found the event memorable as it was both fun and educational.

1. Based on her Folklorico routine, our very own Mount St. Mary's student won a prize. Her smile shows just how much she appreciated the opportunity to perform and be recognized for her amazing talents.
2. The French Department worked diligently to find companies to come out and perform in this friendly competition. The Korean drum dancers may not have placed first but they certainly put on an amazing show that was both memorable and beautiful.
3. Ashley Bacus and Tricia Velena prepared the traditional Filipino couples dance called La jota for the event. They worked weeks in advance to prepare and were pleased to see how it all came together so elegantly in the end.





# INVITATION TO SERVE

On Saturday, March 29, 2014 marked Mount St. Mary's annual all-college day of service, the President's Invitation to Serve. Mount students gathered to help the community in various volunteer projects such as: beach clean up, sorting and packaging food for distribution, organizing food and clothing donations, and preparing meals for the homeless neighbors of Los Angeles. Students travel to various sites to aid the community in a variety of ways by attending volunteer sites such as the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. Mount students helped to sort and package food for distribution across Los Angeles as well as aid in the care and maintenance of the beaches as students traveled to Mount St. Mary's adopted site of Santa Monica State Beach to clean up any trash left in the beaches and in the water.

Though Mount students gather around to aid the community on a daily basis from the kindness of their hearts, Invitation to Serve gathers Mount Students together to show some hospitality to the Mount's beloved home--Los Angeles. The President's Invitation to Serve was formulated to honor the legacy of Mount St. Mary's Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in order to encourage Mount students to serve our "dear neighbors" of the community. Annually, Mount students honor the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet by helping the community and serve the city of Los Angeles to display that Mount St. Mary's cares about the community and will continue to aid the community through team work and compassion.

## Lanterman High School





## St. Francis Center



Students and volunteers gather around to smile for a picture after a day's worth of helping to sort and organize donations, in addition to them helping to distribute food and groceries to local families in need.

## Heal the Bay



Mount students smile prior to their beach clean up, looking forward to cleaning up Mount St. Mary's adopted portion of Santa Monica beach.



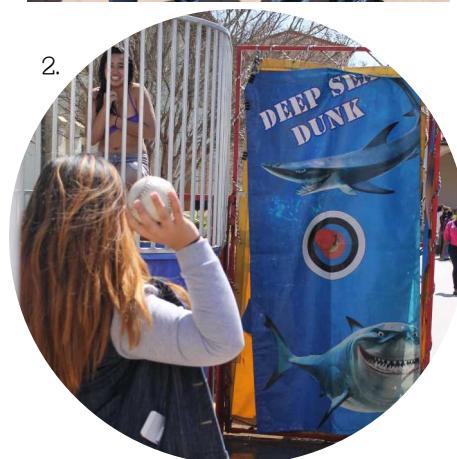


After a long winter, spring has sprung and it looks amazing! The flowers and trees arrive right on time to make the Mount bright with their colors! The beauty adds happiness to our most anticipated event of the year, Spring Carnival. ASB finally gets to show the school what it has been preparing for all year, "We start planning in January. We decide on the theme first!" Mitzuky Orellana the head planner explains, "I definitely learned from last year. There is more thought put to it this year. I was most excited to see everyone's reaction to the theme. It's great!"

Everyone was excited to partake in all the crafts and games that have been set out; smiles are shared as everyone takes a break from the busy year. Spring Carnival could not come sooner for us busy Athenians. With everyone stressed with the fast approaching end of the year, snow cones and dunking booths were the perfect stress reliever.



# FALL SPRING



1. Students Jennifer Zuniga and Alejandro Mineros line up for a chance to dunk their peers.
2. Maryjole Garcia gets ready to be dunked.
3. Professor Bunce joins the fun as a contestant to fall into a pit of water.



"It's one you won't forget!"  
-Mitzuky Orellana



10. Megan Cruz and Elsie Ramirez customize a tote bag to show off their personalities.

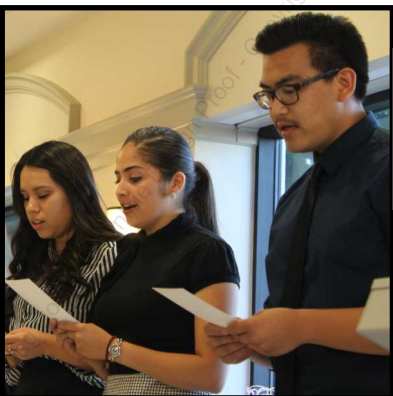
11. Jessica Ruiz brings out Campus Ministry's cookie truck to join the fun.

12. Tricia Velena and Kristina Decena channel their inner diva and pose for the camera.





Professor Keith Gosselin and Jassamy Freyre smile for the camera, after receiving the Adthenians Marketing Award.



Dr. Luiza Nogaj is all smiles and showing off her Faculty of the Year Award.



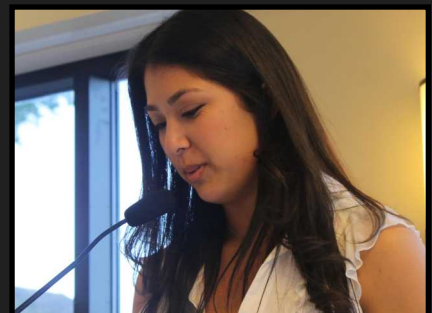


# CHEERS TO OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

In the beginning of the year, the student body gathers around to sign up for the various clubs that are offered on campus. Taking on leadership roles and servicing the community for the greater good of the college and society; as many students become involved in clubs that offer services to the community including clubs like that of the Veterans Club, CNSA, and ASB. While students gathered around tables dressed in their finest attire, they all eagerly await to be recognized for their achievements throughout the year, in honor of their hard work and dedication. As individuals were called up in recognition of their achievements, students danced and laughed up to the podium to retrieve their awards long deserved from the staff and faculty here at the Mount. Not only did students receive awards for their accomplishments, but faculty were also brought to a smile as Dr. Luiza Nogaj won the Faculty of The Year award and Chinako Belanger in Residence Life won Staff of the Year. Various clubs had also been recognized for their originality and creativity, AACW won the Organization of the Year and their variety show won Most Original Program award. Kimber Slater, AACW President, retrieved "the highest awards of the night" in honor of her club's hard work and achievements and would later share this with the members of AACW that were involved in making the event original and creative.



Alba Arana passes a Student Ambassador Award to a fellow peer.



Lauren Quirarte takes the place of Maureen Bond to deliver the Fitness Education department awards.



From left to right: Celene Herrera, Blanca Duenas, Anais Maseda, Bianca Silva, and Dule Jaungeui



After years of hard work and sacrifice, these ladies proudly show their earnings. The awards are just a small token of what's to come.



Megan Rodriguez, and Alba Arana pose with Dr. Madeleine Bruning in honor of Dr. Bruning's dedication to the Veteran's Club.



Head R.A. Monika Wasshausen walks up to the front of the crowd to receive her award for her dedication as a Resident Assistant.



President Ann McElaney-Johnson provides an introduction to the award ceremony.





# THE SPIRIT WITHIN

Confirmation is a celebration that reconfirms the promise Catholics make at Baptism. It is the first step on one's own individual journey to do God's work. Candidates officially become disciples of God and are equipped with the knowledge and gifts of the Holy Spirit which help you to spread the good news. During the Confirmation oil is placed on the candidates forehead during a holy anointing. The ceremony is usually conducted by the bishop of the diocese except in rare occasions in which the bishop has prior engagements or is otherwise occupied. Fortunately Mount St. Mary's was able to procure the Bishop of the diocese for our own Confirmation ceremony. It was beautiful from start to finish, proof of Gaile Krause and her team's hard work throughout the year.



A proud sponsor embraces her candidate in pride as she realizes the grand step her loved one has just completed.



The Bishop uses Chrism oil to officially confirm the candidate and allow her to be consumed by the Holy Spirit.



The Bishop of the Los Angeles Archdiocese consecrates the bread and wine as the newly confirmed candidates eagerly await behind him.



Two brave Mount candidates are chosen to bring the gifts to the Bishop at the altar before he blesses them.



# CREATION CELEBRATION

On Tuesday April 22, 2014 we celebrated Earth Day. The Earth is approximately 4.5 billion years in the making. As much as it has been through it will not last forever if we do not take care of it. Earth Day marks a day in the year when communities join together in raising awareness and achieving "acts of green" in the world. Several projects have started to reduce carbon footprints and such. Mount St. Mary's students and professors did their part by both conducting research and putting on fun events to raise awareness. Most people do not recognize Earth Day as a holiday or remember that it is Earth Day on the date of, but by putting up presentations and prizes, the Mount community proudly reminded everyone. Several people were content with the RA photo booth and the W.I.S.H presentations with valuable information about the environment.



Pictured above, Mount student, Haley Williams, smiles proudly as she displays her pledge to "go green," by reusing and keeping the environment clean.



On the left, Athenians loved the laurel crowns, green glasses, and other green props that allowed them to theoretically become one with nature during their fun-filled photo shoot.

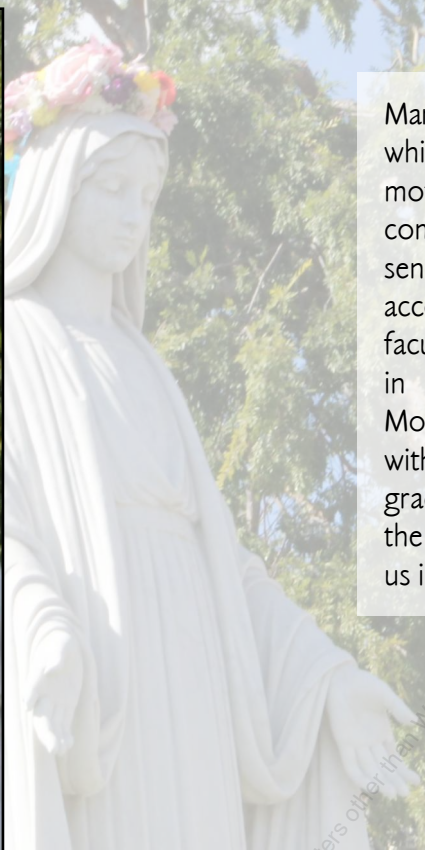


The members of W.I.S.H excitedly see all their hard work pay off as their Earth Day event came to life. Several people passed by interested in their research and activities while participating in activities to win prizes!



Sharifah Jefri is overjoyed with her new fish that she won by taking a small quiz on the research presented about the environment. Not only can she keep the fish in her dorm but she can easily take her colorful new friend home soon.





Mary's Day is the annual tradition in which the College honors Mary, the mother of Jesus. This is also a day to commemorate all the outstanding seniors and all their academic awards and accomplishments. As family, friends, faculty, and administrators join together in celebrating the achievements of Mount students, we also join together with Mary, who walked new paths with grace and determination, bringing life to the world - and who surely delights with us in students who do the same.

# MARY'S DAY





# LAUREL DAY

Like its Chalon counterpart, Doheny also holds a traditional ceremony every year at the end of the school year. Laurel Day is a day which celebrates the achievements and hard work of our Associate in Arts students at Mount St. Mary's Doheny campus. Laurel Day starts off with a prayer ceremony followed by the acknowledgements of our exceptional students.





# LIFE IN COLOR

There are no bounds to the amount of pride students here on the Mount have, for not only their culture but for other cultures too. Many students here work hard day and night to put together such beautiful and elaborate shows that highlight culture. Many clubs based here on the Chalon campus such as the African American Council of Women (AACW), Na Pua O' Ka 'Aina (NPOKA), Pangkat Pilipino and Latinas Unidas have invested long hours into making their own individual shows.

The African American Council of Women had their first ever Variety Show this year in February in celebration of Black History Month. It consisted of a variety of acts that ranged from choreographed dances, to poem readings, singing and even a saxophone player. The audience was entertained with many other acts that showed all of the amazing things that their club and non-club members do. After all of their hard work and dedication the AACW Variety Show was awarded with the most creative event during the Athenian Awards ceremony.

Na Pau O' Ka 'Aina had their 14th annual Luau titled Two Goddess One Land. The members performed different types of traditional dances that portrayed the battle that happened between the goddess Pele and Poli'ahu.

The dances showed how the battle between the two goddesses progressed from a simple competition to a full out battle of lands. Poli'ahu, being the goddess of snow, was able to defeat Pele, the goddess of fire and lava due to the use of her power and cleverness. The show was enjoyed by many of the Mount students and faculty that came out to support their show.

Pangkat Pilipino had their 18th annual or "debu" show this year. The club's play this year revolved around the storyline of a Filipino born and raised girl and her family moving to America and how the change of environment had changed her. In her time of adjustment she lost herself as she tried to fit in with her new American friends. We follow her journey as she finds who she really is in the play "Sino Ako," Who am I?

Latinas Unidas had their very first Raza Achievement Celebration this year. They started their event with a Catholic blessing but also with a traditional Aztec blessing. There were Ballet Folklorico dances and speeches done by Dr. Vanessa Ochoa, Ms. Daniela Vargas, Dr. Wendy McCredie, and Ms. Alejandra Ceja as the keynote speaker. They also presented their graduating seniors with Zarapes to honor their achievements.



Asia McCready singing  
to the song  
Motherless Child



Shelli Amber Weeks, Mount Alum of '84,  
performed one of her own Jazz songs



Kierra Washington doing a praise  
dance to the song Bless Me by  
Donald Lawrence





Front row (left to right): Christopher Hilario, Lemmuell Carrillo, Cristian Rosa  
Back row: Joseph Salas, Joseph Ly, Francis Munar, Alex Joson, Jj Alanis and Eric Cabahug



Luau coordinators  
Kristen Jabson and Jacel Ancheta



Traditional Aztec Blessing



Seniors being presented with their Zarapes



Ms. Alejandra Ceja  
delivering  
her key note speech



Pangkat Pilipino performing a dance called Sayaw Sabanko





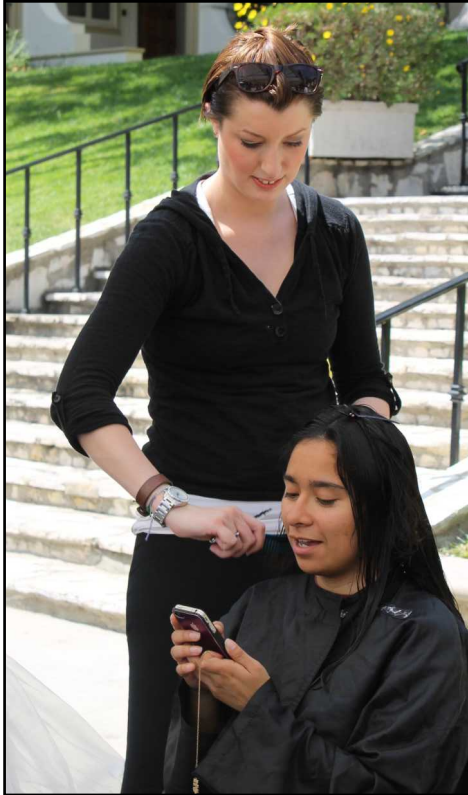
# WELCOME, PROSPECTIVE ATHENIANS!

Every year, we congratulate the students accepted into our college and welcome them as prospective Athenians! Admitted Student's Day was a day dedicated to all the brilliant senior high school students with the potential to succeed as Mount students. We as a community give them and their families a warm welcome to the Mount as this day is imperative for their decision making process as they choose where they will go for the next four years.





# MAKE THE CUT!



As a women's college, we know the importance of having long, healthy tresses. That is why, so many were willing to sacrifice theirs for the need of others. Donating blood can change lives, but so does giving hair! People who lose hair suffer terrible blows to their self esteem and confidence, which is why this is still such a great cause. This year's Make the Cut event was another success! Great job, Athenians!



# RELIGIOUS ED CONGRESS



Each year Catholics are invited from different parishes to join in a united celebration of their faith. Mount St. Mary's students were happy to join in the Religious Education Congress held in the Anaheim Convention Center to speak and learn about their faith a little more. The congress is typically held to inspire and empower Catholics from all over by exposing them to different teachers, catechists, priests, nuns, and volunteers from all over. They provide fun learning environments in workshops, concerts, and services. This year's theme focused on "Hope: A World Afire," to expand the knowledge of the theological virtue of hope. Pope Francis says that "Hope is present, it's a gift from the Holy Spirit... hope has a name. Hope is Christ." Therefore the mission is to spread the passion accompanied by hope.





# FINALS WEEK

The Mother of All Exams comes back for round two at the end of our lovely Spring 2014 semester. This is the time when our knowledge is tested and we prove that we understand all the material we have learned. Mount students' perspective on finals week range from a full-on panic mode with little to no sleep, to calm and easy, with students only

needing to review their notes to ace their exam. For freshmen students, their first year of college will soon be completed and they will start a fresh school year in the fall with a different perspective, as their experiences in the past year changed them for the best. For seniors, Class of 2014, they will

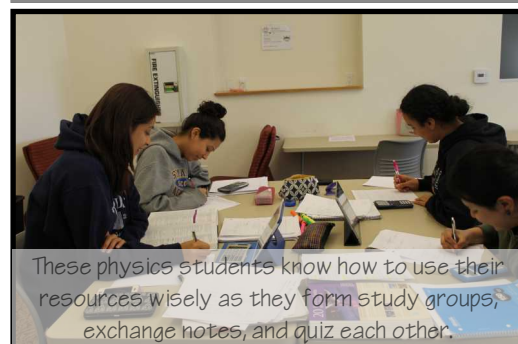
have finished a chapter in their lives and begin a new one, more prepared, confident and ready for new challenges. In the end we all have one goal, to pass all of our exams with the best grade possible and begin yet another wonderful and memorable summer!



Mount students know that there is strength in numbers and that six brains are better than one! Finishing projects, homework and fully understanding topics and lessons taught in class are best done with the help of classmates. Knowing that you have help from friends during these tough times really helps reduce stress!



Breanna Pasadas and Kristi Nguyen soak up some vitamin D under the beautiful California sun whilst adding information into their brains.



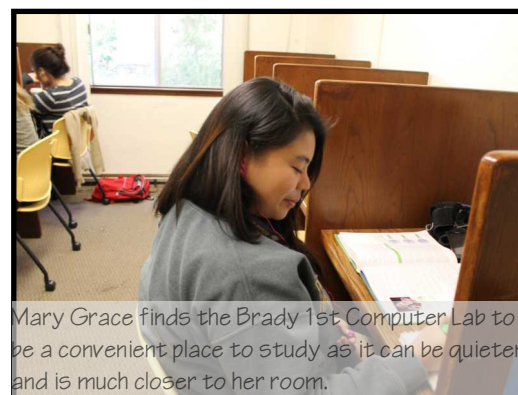
These physics students know how to use their resources wisely as they form study groups, exchange notes, and quiz each other.



Angie Sandoval finds concentrating in the Circle easy and feels almost relaxed by the birds and other soft noises surrounding her.



Yanira Olague blocks out the noisy chatter in the cafeteria with her favorite tunes as she comfortably studies with friends.



Mary Grace finds the Brady 1st Computer Lab to be a convenient place to study as it can be quieter and is much closer to her room.



# SEE YOU LATER, MSMC!

Another school year has quickly gone by, which means that for some, graduation is just around the corner, while others bask in the glory of summer vacation! Students can finally go home relaxed knowing that they have worked their hardest, finally having time off to dedicate to their hobbies, friends, family, and, more importantly, themselves. Residents box up all of their clothes, shoes, beddings, lamps,

rug and books in their dorms and take on the challenge of trying to fit it all into their car, while commuters clean out their lockers and take all of their belongings home. Before leaving the Mount to begin their summer, everyone says goodbye to friends, roommates and teachers, share hugs, plans and promises to keep in touch over the summer!



Tanya Morales travels from second floor Brady with heavy containers to her awaiting family's car. Keeping her room organized throughout the semester helped with the packing!



Deborah Hernandez gets a workout carrying all of her things to her awaiting car. A few more rounds to her room and back before she can speed off the Mount.

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER, ATHENIANS!

SEE YOU IN FALL!





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A school is nothing without its students; students are the heart of the school. If the student population vanished, everything would change. There would be no one to carry on the amazing teachings of professors, no one to compete on the intramural sports teams, no one to assist office workers as student employees, and the school would be lifeless. There wouldn't even be a school to begin with! Yearbook has been able to capture some of the talent and personality that our student life brings to campus.

# STUDENT LIFE







# THE STRUGGLE IS REAL

## COMMUTERS

Traffic, parking, gas money, shuttle schedules, and waking up in wee hours of the morning just to make it to class on time. These are just a few of the struggles that commuters have to deal with everyday. Even if the commute is just from the Doheny campus to the Chalon campus it's always a struggle getting to and from school.

While some students have "short" commutes other have to stay hours after their classes have finished to even start their journey back home due to traffic. There is just no catching a break for them.

That is why we love spoiling our commuters with different types of activities and goodies to show how much they are appreciated. Without our commuters the Mount wouldn't be as great as it is now. Our school prides itself on its constant dedication to show the commuters they are appreciated with monthly activities distinctly for them.





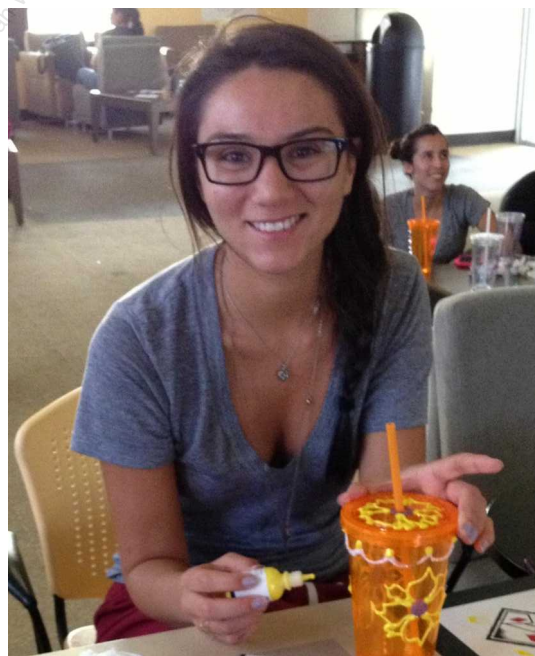
# RESIDENTS

Not only is the struggle real for Commuters but for Residents too. Residents have to deal with homesickness, an isolated location, minimal food options and sometimes loud neighbors.

However residents do enjoy waking up 5 minutes before class and rolling out of bed. They also have this quiet and tranquil campus to help them focus and study.

Residents de-stress and get their minds off of impending exams or assignments by attending Residence Life staff-sponsored activities on campus. Residents are able to get out of their rooms or study to make things such as flower crowns, decorating fanny packs, making hot chocolate packets or even personalizing their own water bottles.

So with the help of the peaceful setting we have here at the Mount, the simplest of activities are just enough to get one's mind off of their stresses in life, even for just a little bit.





# THE BRAVE EIGHT



Fangyuan Ren



Jing Zhang



Chen Shu jun



Jing Hu

As if going away to college is not hard enough for students, imagine living 6,880 miles away from all you have grown accustomed to. After kissing their family members goodbye, these students take advantage of the opportunity to embark on a journey and submerge themselves in a new culture and country. These students at the Mount, during the 2013-2014 school year, have experienced both anxiety and excitement as they join the Mount community for a semester. Eight Chinese foreign exchange students settle down in their new Mount home and begin to feel how it is to be a college student in California.

"I miss my family already, but Mount St. Mary's has been very welcoming and everyone here seems to be very helpful," says Jing Zhang. Despite the homesickness, the benefits of opportunity outweigh the challenges of a foreign exchange program. The brave eight epitomize the meaning of the American Dream with their presence here at the Mount.



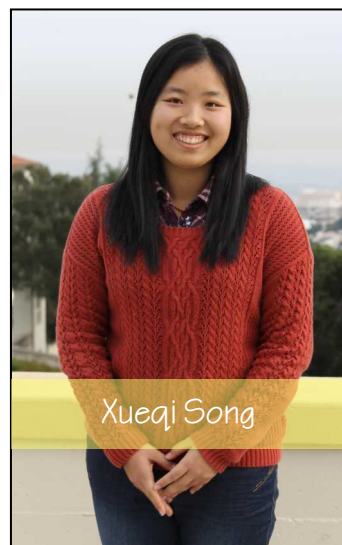
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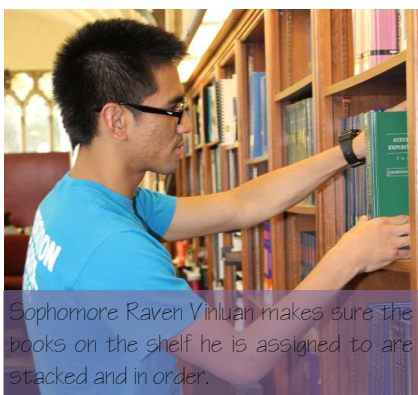


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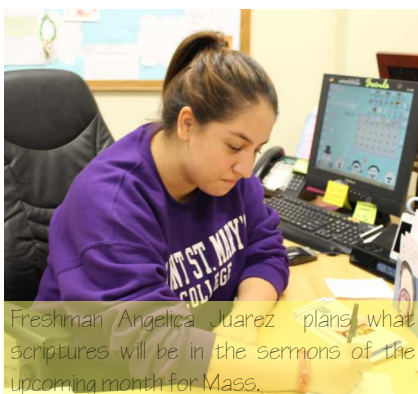




Sophomore Brenden Tsai makes a poster for the Academic Advisement office on what their function is on campus.



Sophomore Raven Vinluan makes sure the books on the shelf he is assigned to are stacked and in order.



Freshman Angelica Juarez plans what scriptures will be in the sermons of the upcoming month for Mass.

# GETTING THE JOB DONE

Between going to class, trying to study, doing homework, and trying to still maintain a social life many would find it hard to believe that a student taking well over twelve units a semester could find the time to have a job. Many students on campus work amidst their hectic schedules to stay involved on campus and make some extra money during their years as an undergraduate. How do they do it? We all question this as many of us walk around campus witnessing students of various majors manage to stay involved in clubs and keep up in school while working and maintaining their personal lives. "I definitely feel like working on campus has connected me not only to the students, but to the staff members as well," said nursing student Raven Vinluan, commenting on his experience as a Library Assistant. Freshman, student-worker Kriztel Apooga says how much she "enjoys [her] job," and how, "working with the older students has definitely helped in adjusting to college life." Though it seems like working on campus is fun, the benefits of working on campus not only include gaining new friendships and relationships within the Mount community, but also include gaining specialized training in various jobs on campus. "My job is to make appointments for the advisors, make the posters for the events the advisors hold, answer telephones, and keep track of the office for its cleanliness and organization," commented sophomore Brenden Tsai on his duties around the Academic Advisement office. While all students on campus work hard, the students that hold on-campus jobs do their best to make their schedules work in the midst of their already busy lives. The college is able to run smoothly with the great work all the student workers put in.





# LET THE GAMES BEGIN



Kristine Pascua always has a smile on her face, including here in cycling class. The class enables her to, "Forget about [her] school work," while living, "a healthier lifestyle," and "cycling with friends!"



Captain Kevin Namuag has full confidence in his team including this star player Garrett Vita, who played a crucial role in leading his team to playoffs. "Focus and preparation equals success," says Garrett.



Zhang (Athena) Jing was able to use yoga as a form of relaxation. This low warrior pose shows the grace and beauty of the art.

While some students immerse themselves in clubs, a few students prefer to stay active with intramural sports. Deep down everyone misses that feeling of being a part of a team where you can show off your battle scars and go through some kind of "hell week" together. Here at the Mount that feeling is kept alive with volleyball and basketball. Almost all the men on campus and a few of the women join together to form teams in a collaborative effort to better themselves in the sports they love.





# How Do THEY Do It?



Mount students are known for leadership, but few people take time to think about what it entails to be involved. Whether students are involved behind the scenes or up front where everyone can see, they all have one thing in common- sacrifice. By being deprived of sleep, nights out with friends, and time with their families these heroes get to be involved in the community thus making their peer's lives better. As time consuming and difficult as it is to juggle everything in their lives, they continue to do so because they care.



Senior A. Serrano and Sophomore Ileana Puentes "believe in the power of napping" because with their busy schedules it is the only way to rest.



Roxanne Quijano is involved everywhere she goes and runs on only 4-6 hours of sleep a night, but in the end the people she meets make it worthwhile.



With the right motivation to become a nurse, Victor Pineyra has become a super commuter that works over 40 hours a week and still finds time for studying.



# MOUNT MAJORS 101

Mount St. Mary's College contains 32 undergraduate bachelor programs at the Mount, with 23 minors to choose from. The Mount does a great job of providing a way for students to identify themselves and find their true calling, which is truly an enlightening experience. Our college is blessed to have great advisers and professors that work hard to help every student reach their goals and find their passion in life.

## PSYCHOLOGY



Malysa Bernas, Junior, **Psychology**, has always been interested in science. What she loves most about her major are the different branches and being able to learn how many different influences affect somebody's life.

## NURSING



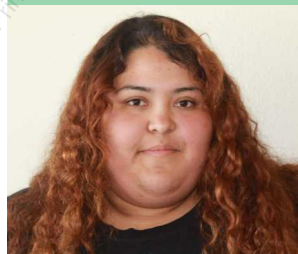
Emily Sitter, Senior, **Nursing**, loves the extensive options in patient care that her major provides.

## HEALTHCARE POLICY



Arianne Cotton, Senior **Healthcare Policy**, loves her major because it opens several doors for her to explore different local, national and international issues in the Healthcare field.

## ENGLISH



Evelyn Moreno Perez, Junior, **English**, has always enjoyed reading and writing about wonderful books. After graduating she would like to use her major as a base to become a court translator.

## BIOLOGY



Blean Girma, Sophomore, **Biology**, has always had two passions in life. Finding the answers to life and to help others. Her future goal as a biology major is to become a physician which sums up these two passions.

## MATHEMATICS



Arling Rodriguez, Senior **Mathematics**, is very passionate about mathematics and programming. The challenge of thinking and the process of logic has always attracted her.

## ACCOUNTING



Julie Chambers, Sophomore, **Accounting**, enjoys working with numbers because of the adrenaline rush she gets when all the numbers balance out.

## BIOCHEMISTRY



Juliette Jauregui, Freshman **Biochemistry**, likes what she studies because of the diversity it offers her in both her classes and future career.



## GRAPHIC DESIGN



Jessica Flores, Freshman Graphic Design, gets to explore the field of creating websites and layouts, which is perfect for the career she wants to pursue. She wants to create things that others can enjoy visually.

## Music



Alanah Nicosia, Freshman Music, favorite part about her major is being able to sing so many different songs that challenge her to bring something new to every performance. She hopes to one day perform in musical theater or opera.

## Film, Media &amp; Social Justice



Estefani Alarcon, Freshman Film, Media & Social Justice, loves her major because it relates to things she has a passion for. She wants to become a host and eventually have her own television show.

Griselda Villa, Senior, Art, is passionate about her major because she believes that the world is full of all kinds of possibilities and creations. Learning about art throughout history, exploring different mediums and developing her own art at a college level is truly a blessing.

## ART



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT



Elizabeth Jeronimo, Senior Child Development, loves what she studies because it allows her to plant seeds in the kids of tomorrow. It allows her to help children in as many ways as she can by giving her that opportunity to work in a school, hospital, or any other setting where children are present.

Rocio Evelyn Prado, Freshman, Sociology, loves how her major opens up her mentality about how people interact with one another. She has many opportunities available to her such as becoming a social worker, a clinical therapist, or even a physical therapist.

## SOCIOLOGY



## POLITICAL SCIENCE



Taryn Perez, Senior, Political Science and Healthcare Policy, loves the ability to make change within public policy. With her political science major, she could run for office or work for NGO's. In fall 2014, she will begin law school.

Kyla Paris, Sophomore, Business, appreciates the ability to learn about different companies and is fascinated by the fact that she can apply what is learned to almost all facets of life.

## BUSINESS





# MIRRORED

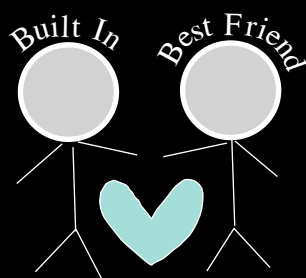
# MIRRORED



Analiese and Anestassia Yu love sharing things and having a built in best friend.

"She's my rock, my foundation." - Anestassia Yu

"As much as you say this is your best friend for life, it really is true, your twin will always be there for you" -Analiese Yu



Garrett and Grant Vita have their support system and show off their own personalities.

"It's kinda easier having a twin, if you're not sure about something you can just ask."

-Grant Vita

"We can ask each other- we don't do some sort of twin telepathy like people ask." -Garrett Vita



Jacqueline and Jocelyn Bautista aren't just twins, they're best friends! Having a sibling can be tough but this lovely duo prove that there are many things to love about it anyway. "Having a twin is different from any other relationship because others have already had a life before you," Jocelyn states. "We get to experience a lot of the same things at the same time, so we understand each other much better," Jacky adds. "Being a twin does not always mean fun and games. Sometimes people assume we share the same personality.

We're our own person! Even when we share clothes we wear them differently. We get asked a lot which one of us is the nice one... why can't we both be nice? We're both nice!" Jacky says. Jocelyn agrees, "Yeah and a popular question too, which is kind of surprising, is 'do we share the same boyfriend,' who willingly shares a boyfriend? We do enjoy our own things, we don't share EVERYTHING!"

From sharing or not sharing awesome things to simply being there for each other, Jacky and Jocelyn show there is more to not just being a sibling, but a twin best friend.



# GETTING AHEAD OF THE GAME

## Job & Internship Fair

The Mount tries its best to provide its students with as much opportunities as possible to get ahead in their careers. Which is why, every year, the Career Services Office puts together a Job & Internship Fair, which allows for Athenians to connect with potential employers. Dressed in business casual attire, Athenians speak with their institutions and programs of interest in order to gain information on how to get connected and get hired.



## S.T.E.M. Expo

Science. Technology. Engineering. Math. STEM focuses on the education of these disciplines. As highly competitive fields, it is also important to try to get as much opportunities as possible, which can be challenging due to all the studying and work load undergrad science majors need to do. Therefore, the STEM Expo allowed students to see all the opportunities and connections that are available to them; from various graduate schools to hospital internships, endless possibilities await!









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After years of hard work, dedication, and stressful nights, The Class of 2014 is starting to finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. As they spend their last year of their undergraduate career here at the Mount, they are overcome with a wave of emotions. Excitement is definitely everywhere, but there is also anxiousness, feelings of nervousness and melancholy surfacing. This is it. All the studying and homework has finally come into fruition. Those all-nighters and downing worrisome amounts of caffeine during finals week is finally coming to an end. Though those years seem to have passed by so quickly, we know that those days were ones that will be remembered for a lifetime. Memories were made, bonds were formed. Though our graduates' time here at the Mount is finally coming to a close, we know that they have spent their time here enriching their lives as much as possible and are ready to face the world as ready and as confident as they possibly could be! Congratulations, Class of 2014, you did it!

# CLASS OF 2014





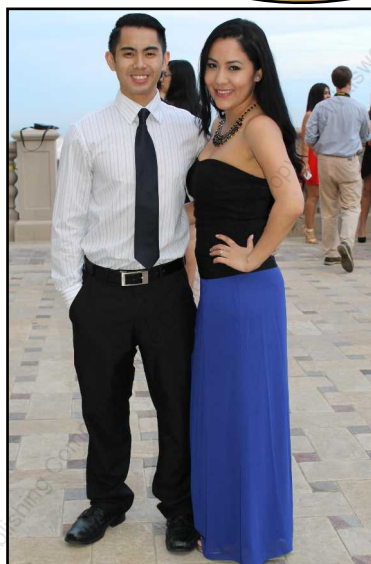
# SENIOR FAREWELL DINNER



On the first day, everyone was nervous. Everyone was clueless.

On the first day, we had a game plan. But along the way, our plans changed time and time again; either by choice or by fate.

Between that first day and now, no one expected to have the experiences or make the friends they made; but everyone is glad that they did. But it's not the first day at Mount St. Mary's anymore-- it's the last day. As we said goodbye to our beloved seniors at their banquet, all the memories of the beginning took them back while thoughts of the future moved them forward.







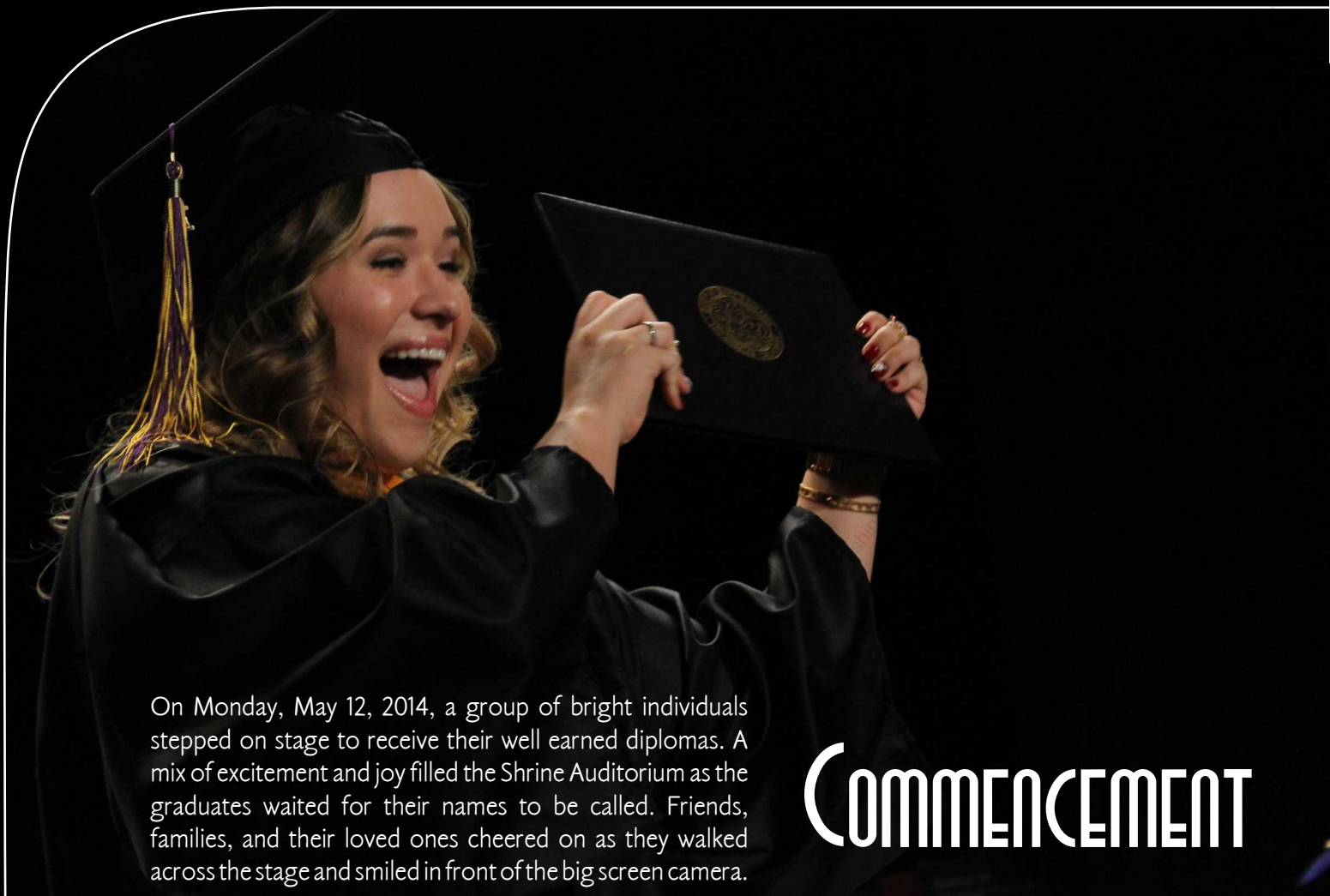
# GRADUATION Mass

Some people actively attend Mass, others may only attend once a year. But whether you are an active participant or not, no one has seen as beautiful a ceremony as the Commencement Mass.

Not only was it in the beautiful St. Vincent's church, but the ceremony was elegant and beautiful in itself. For all the graduates that attended it was a completely different experience being in the pews that day. After years of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice, they were finally being honored and blessed before all of their loved ones.







On Monday, May 12, 2014, a group of bright individuals stepped on stage to receive their well earned diplomas. A mix of excitement and joy filled the Shrine Auditorium as the graduates waited for their names to be called. Friends, families, and their loved ones cheered on as they walked across the stage and smiled in front of the big screen camera.

# COMMENCEMENT



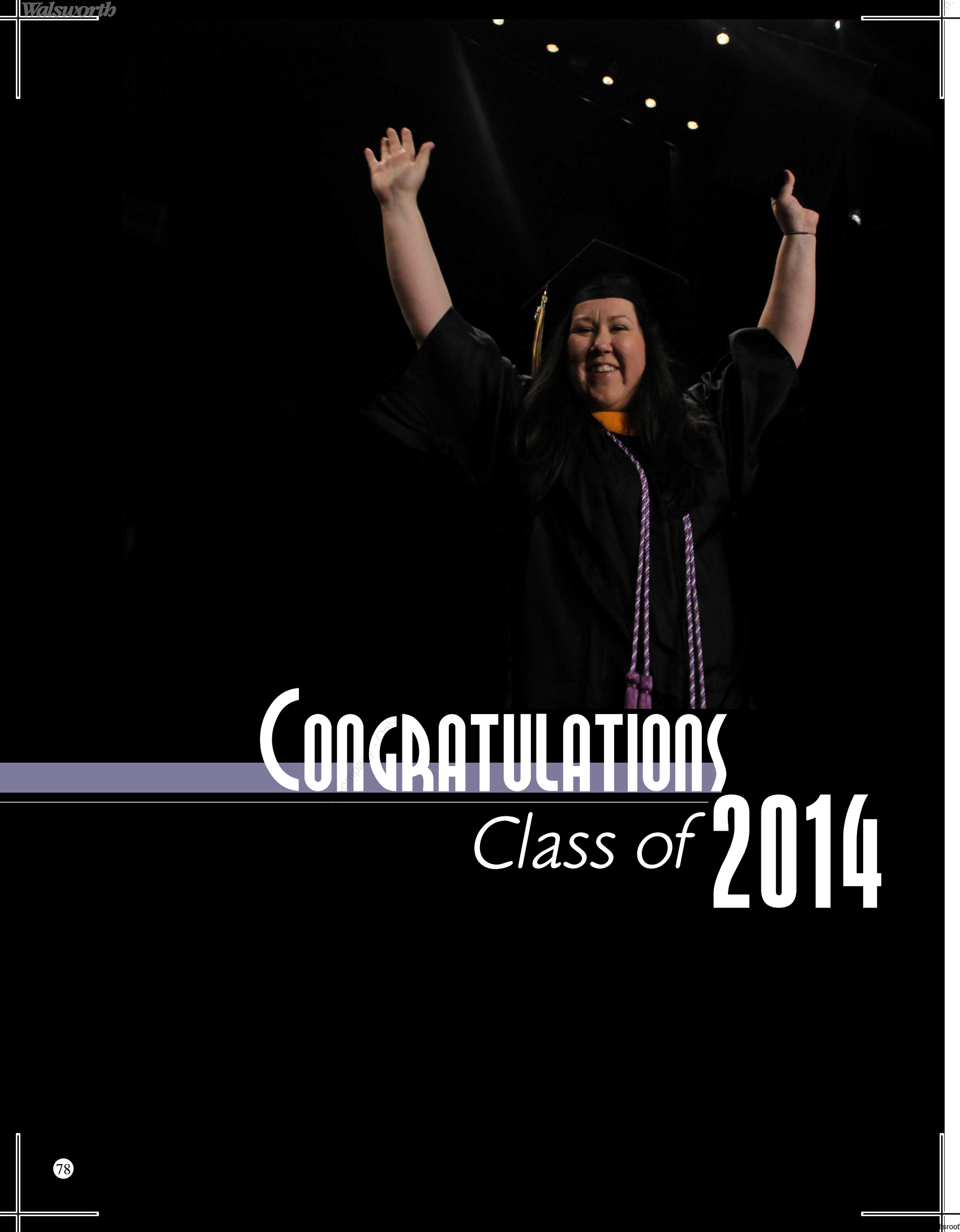


"We are called to be thinkers and  
doers of impossible thoughts."

--Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love  
Commencement Speaker



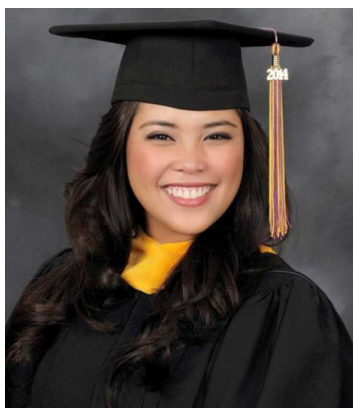




# CONGRATULATIONS

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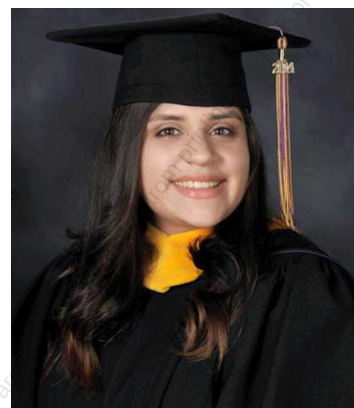
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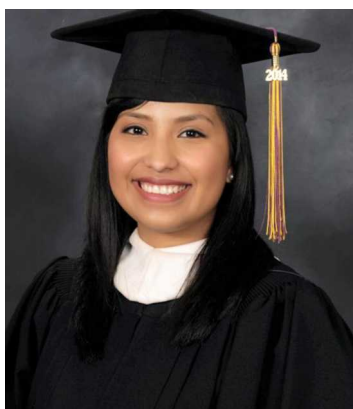
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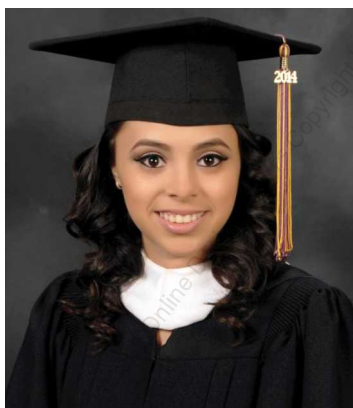
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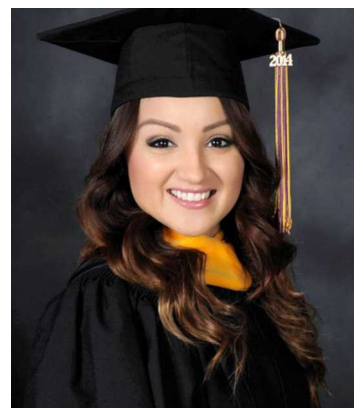
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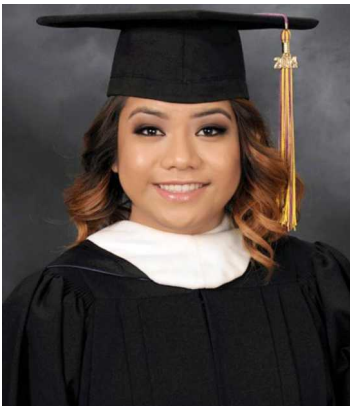
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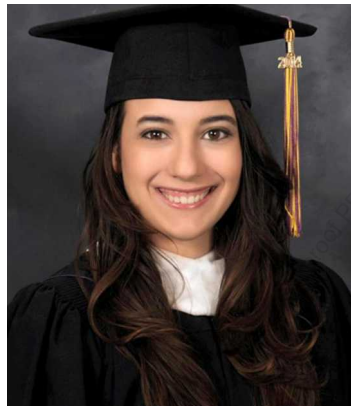
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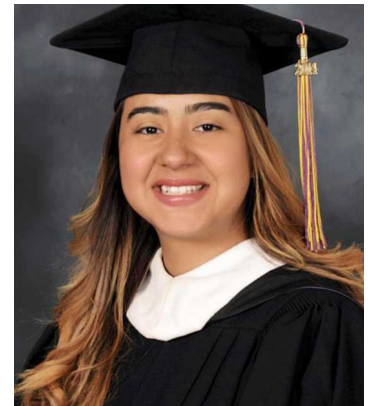
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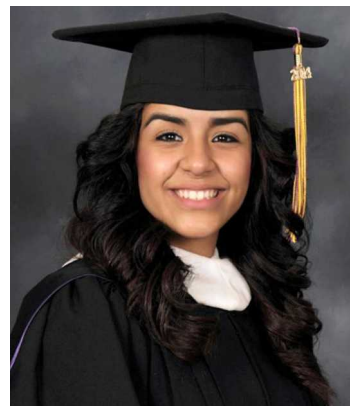
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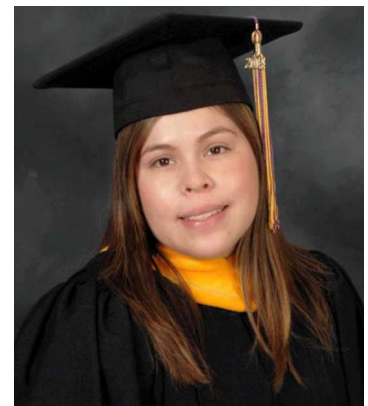
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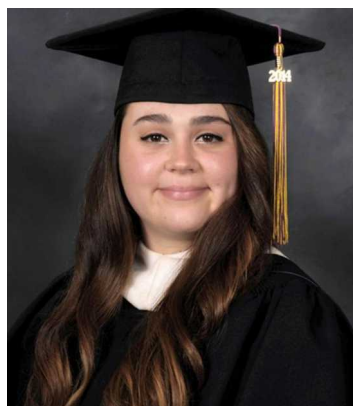


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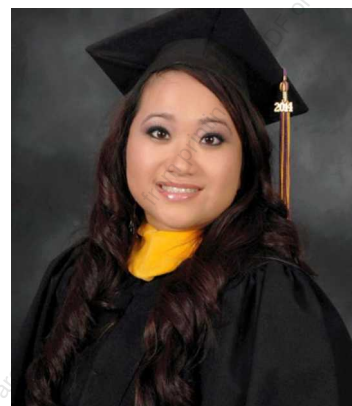
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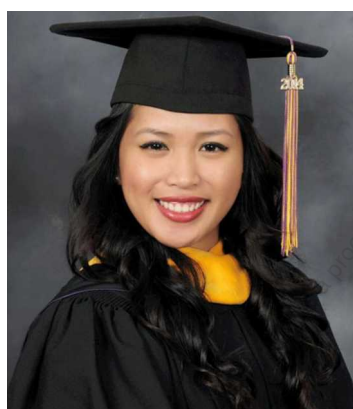
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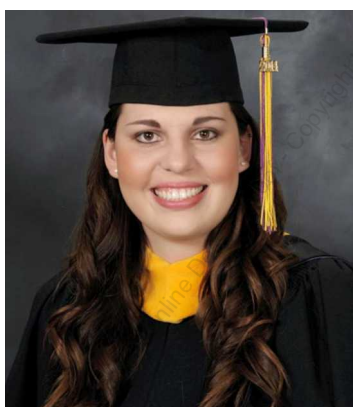
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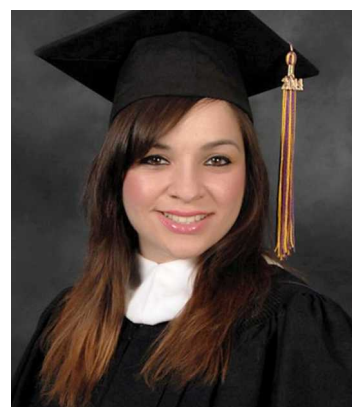
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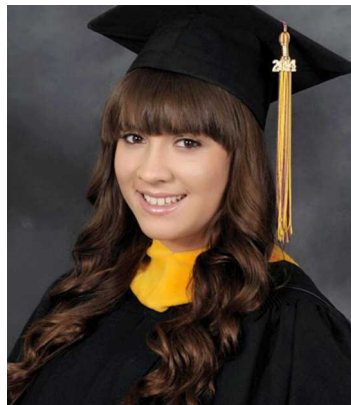


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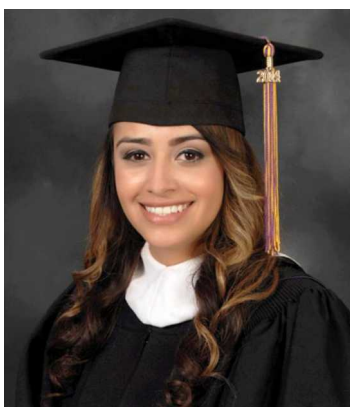
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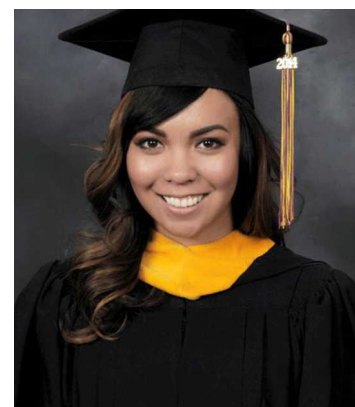
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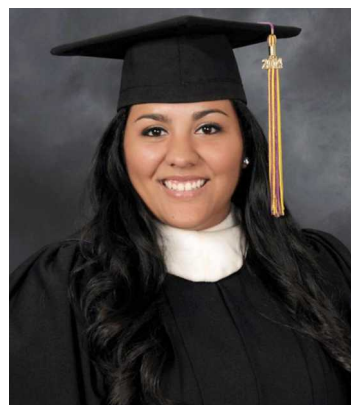
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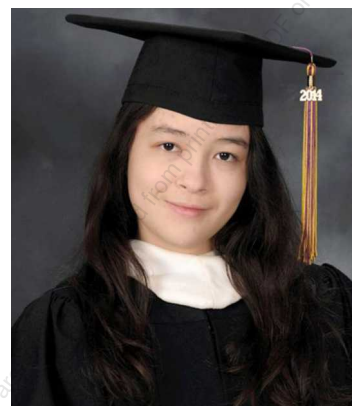
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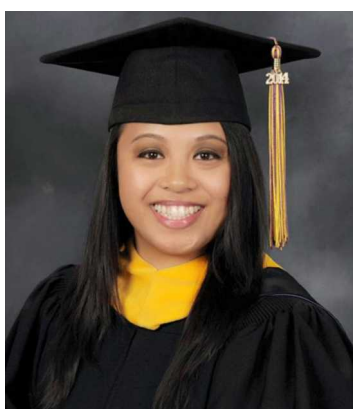
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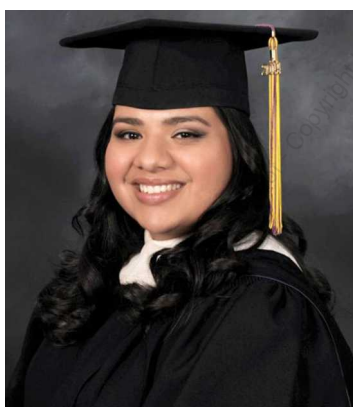
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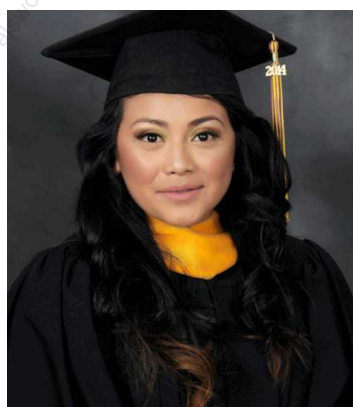
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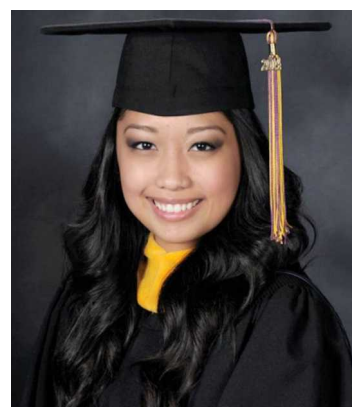
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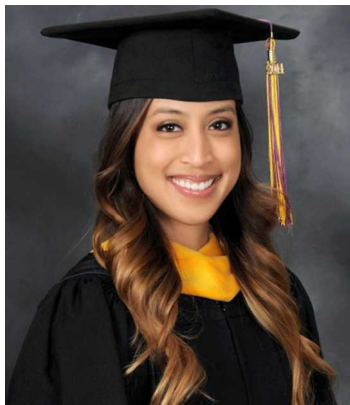


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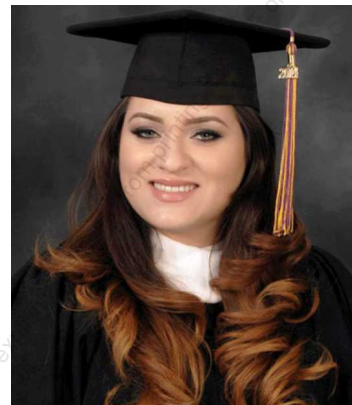
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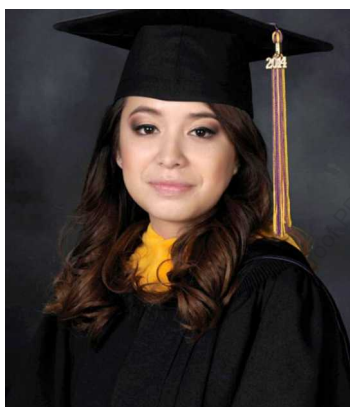
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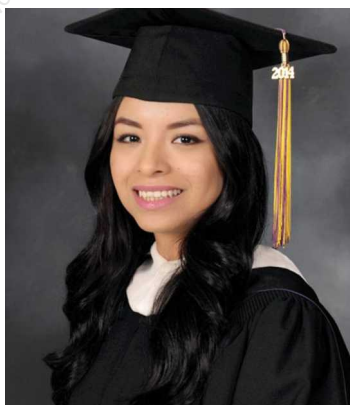
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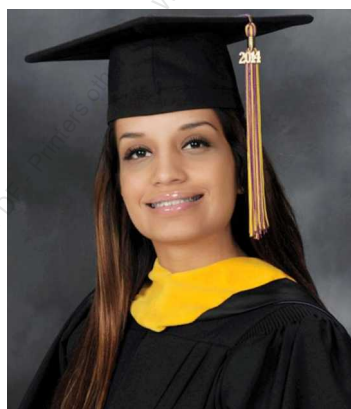
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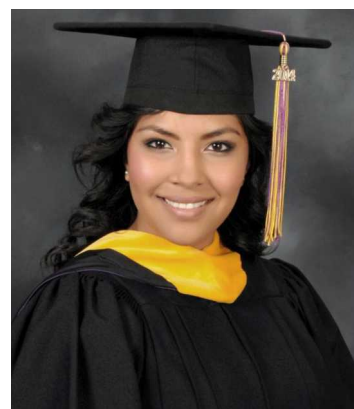
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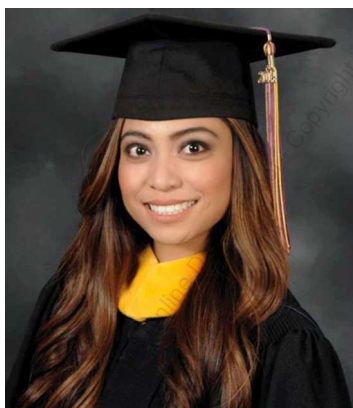
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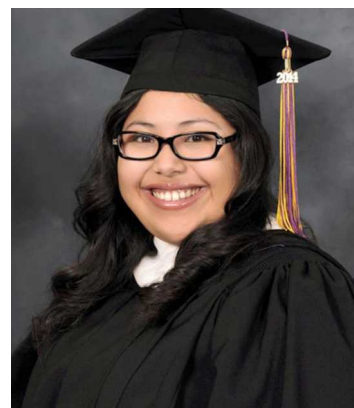
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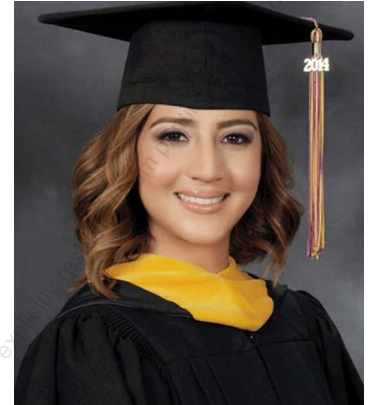
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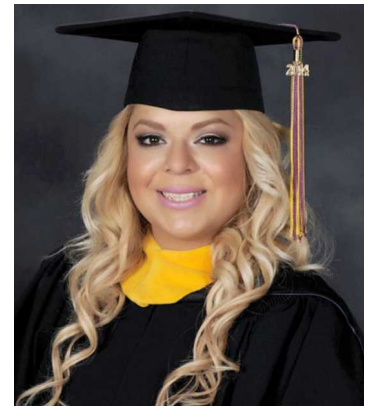
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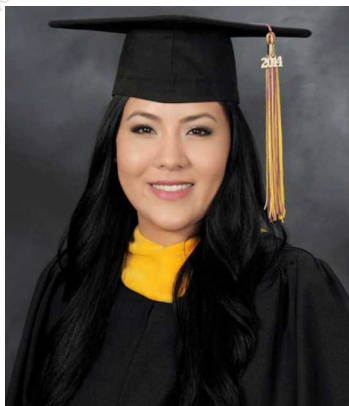
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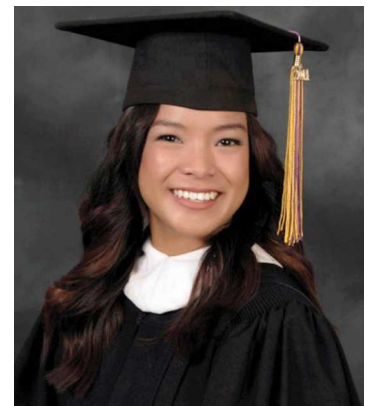
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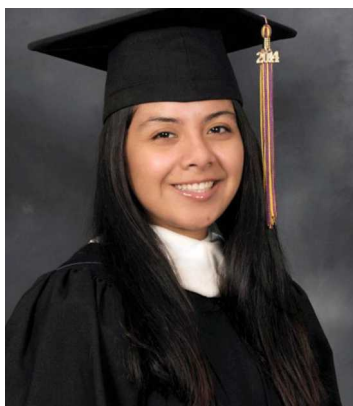


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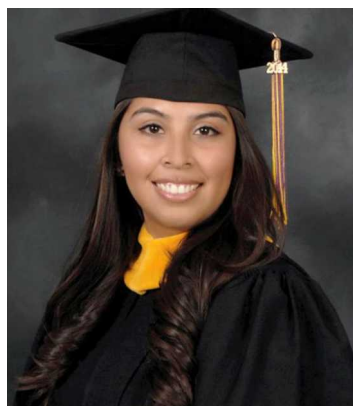


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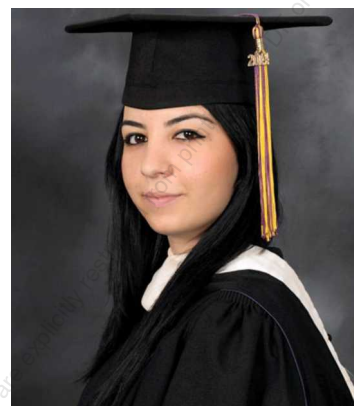
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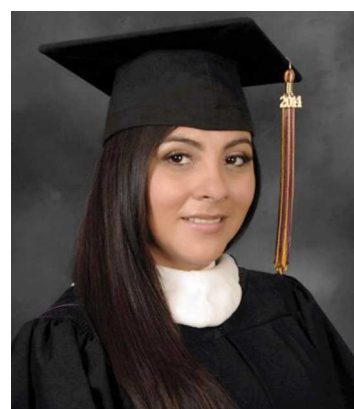
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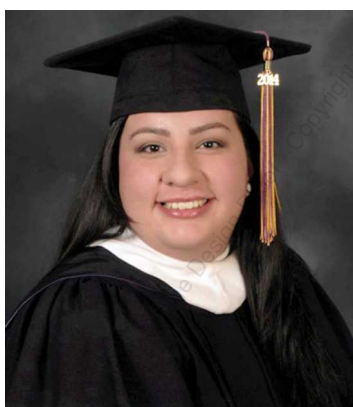
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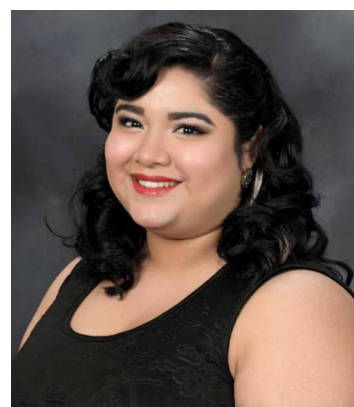
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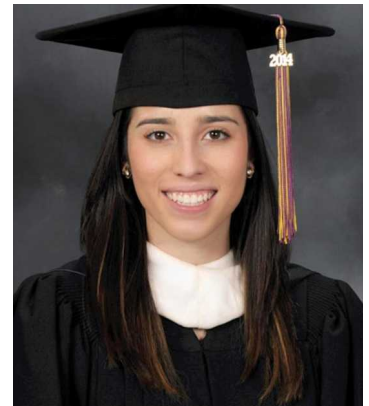


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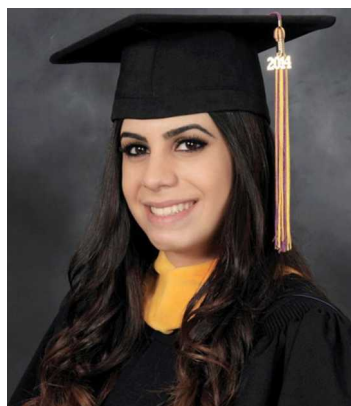




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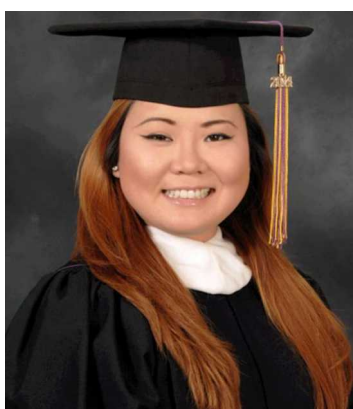
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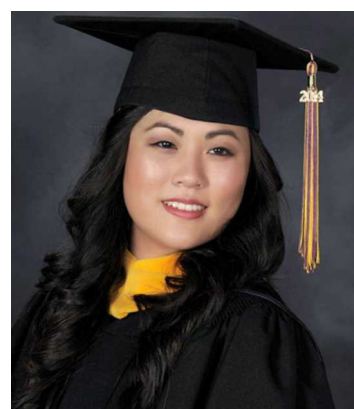
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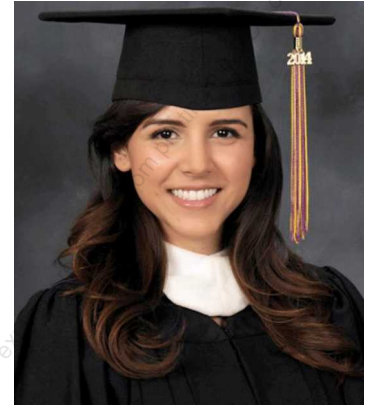
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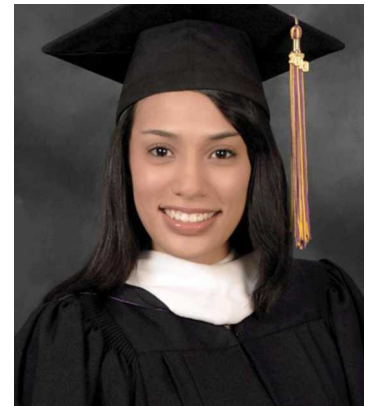
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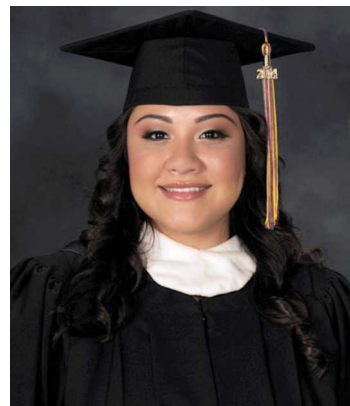
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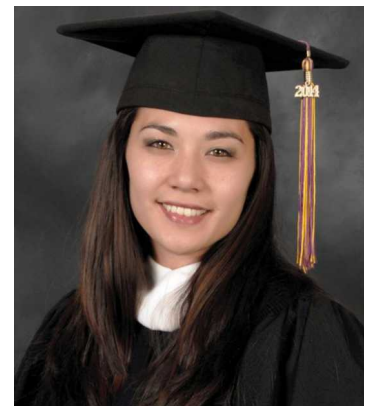
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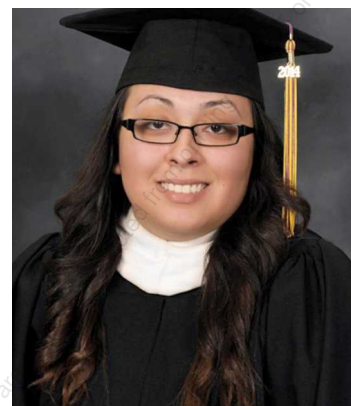
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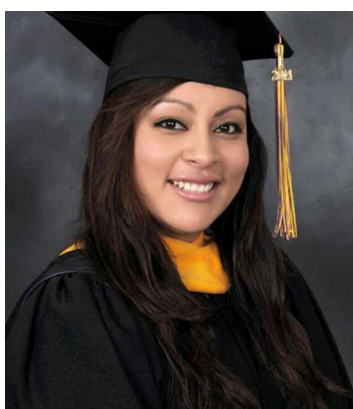
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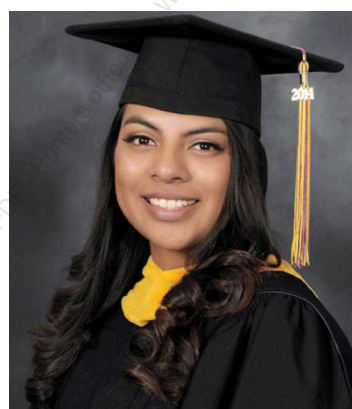
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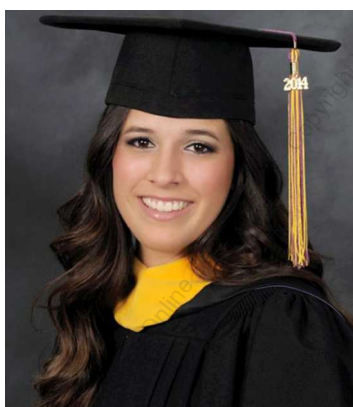
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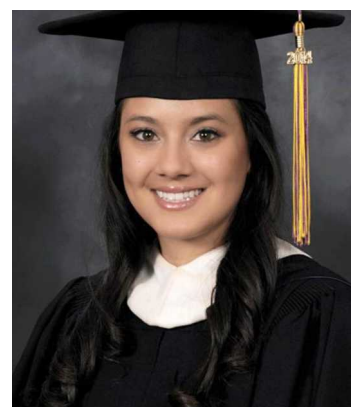
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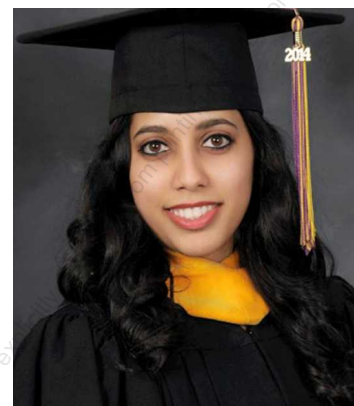


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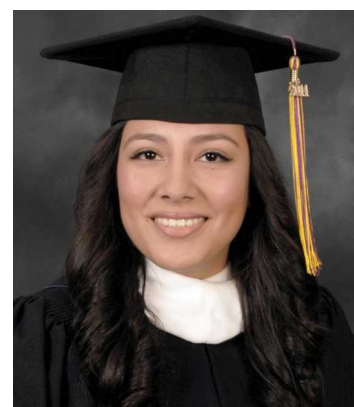




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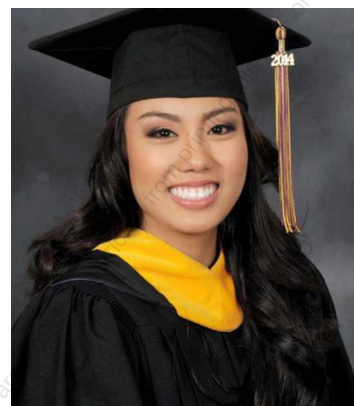
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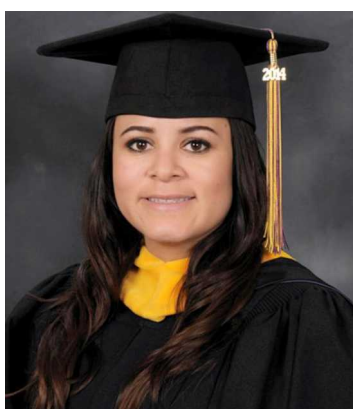
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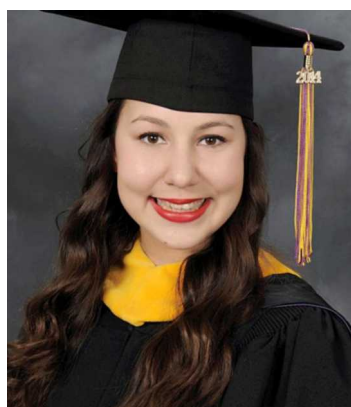
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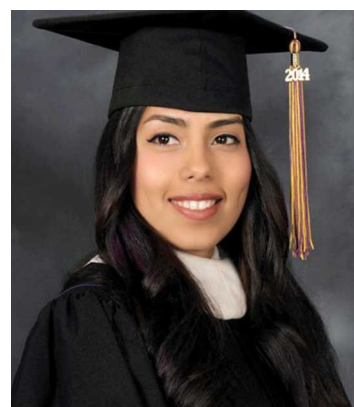
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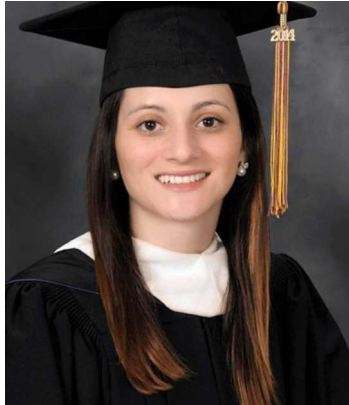


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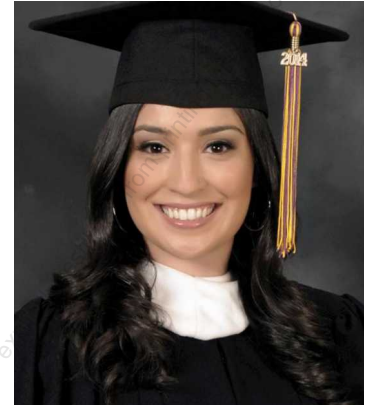
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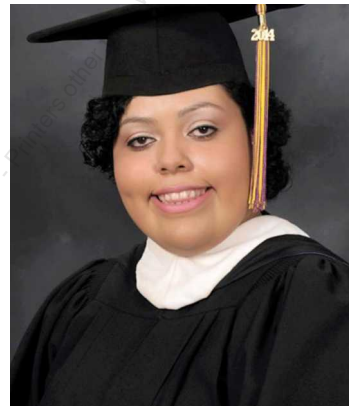
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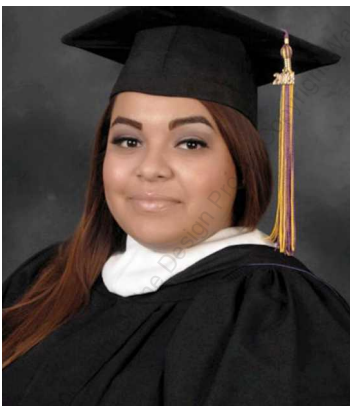
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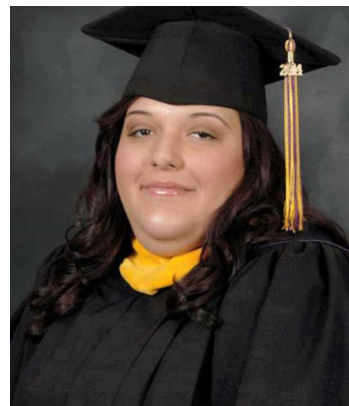
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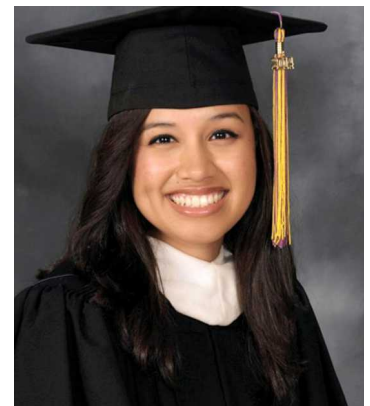
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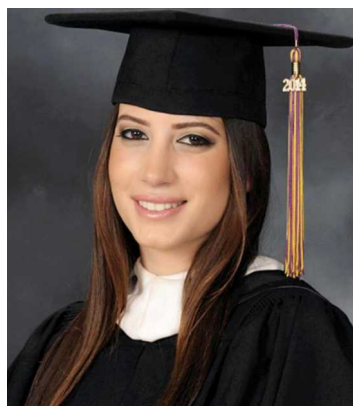


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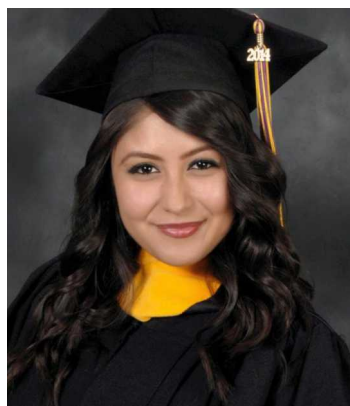




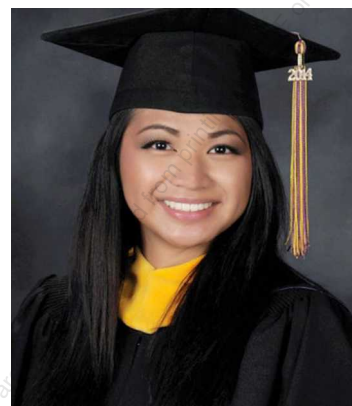
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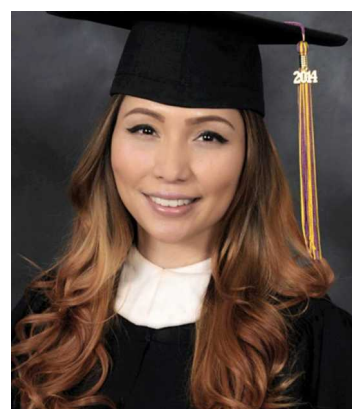
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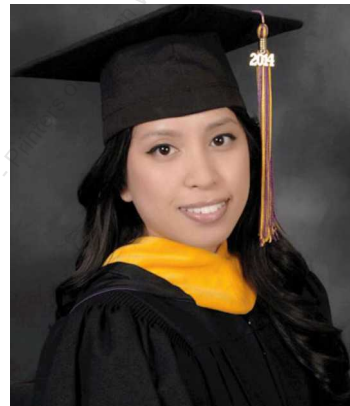
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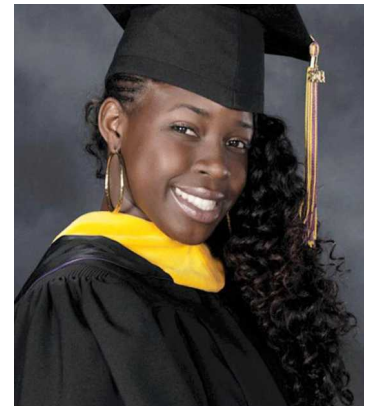
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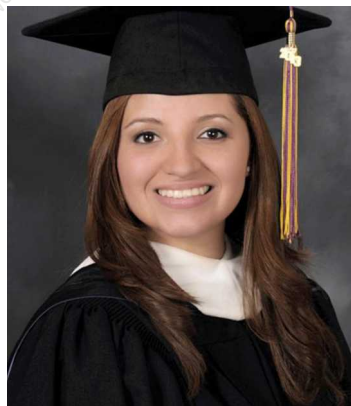
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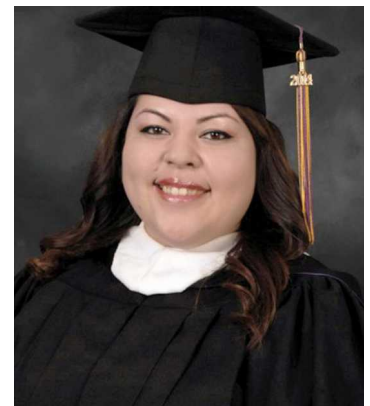
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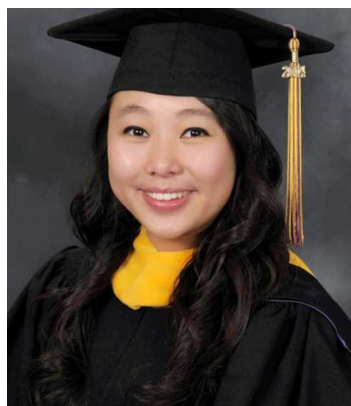




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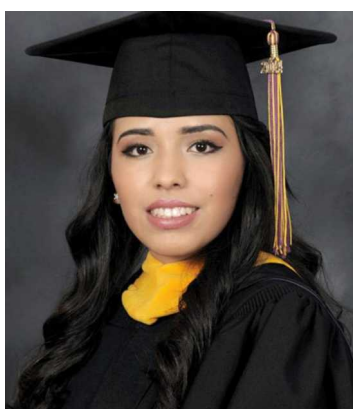
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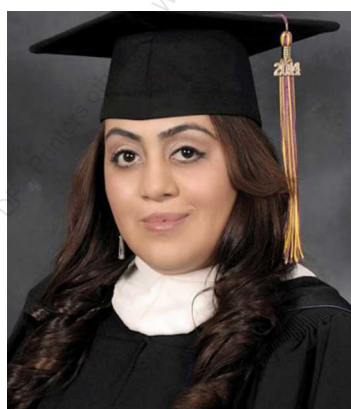
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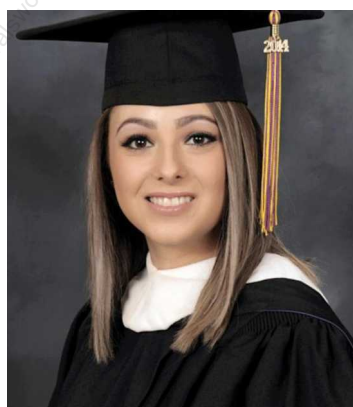
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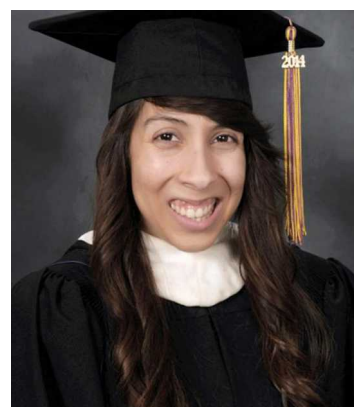
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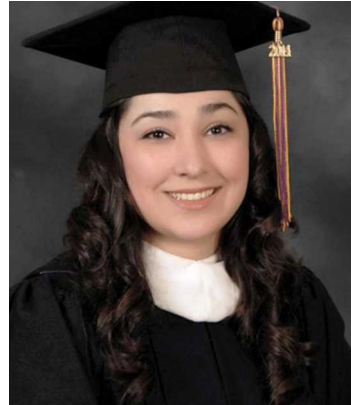




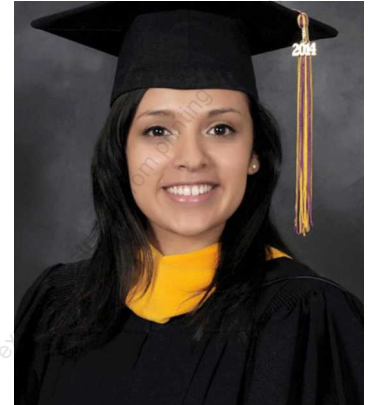
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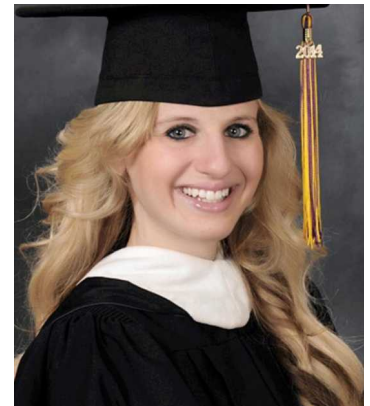
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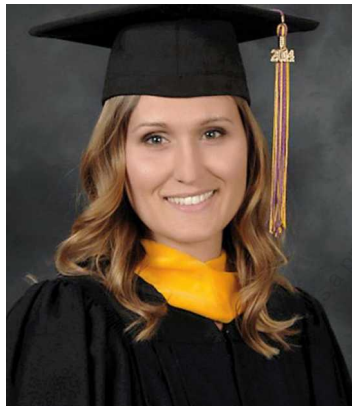
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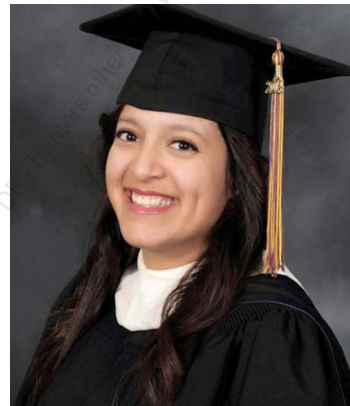
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*"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."*

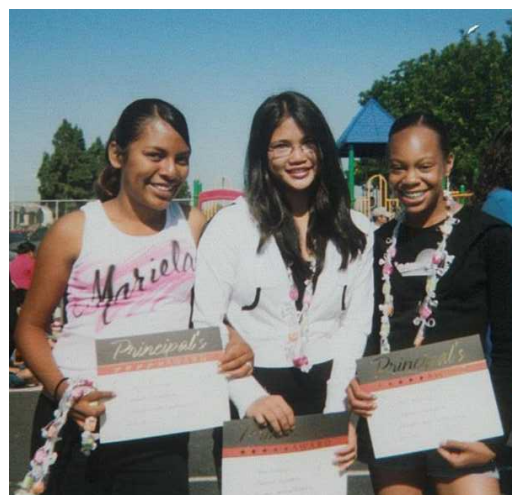
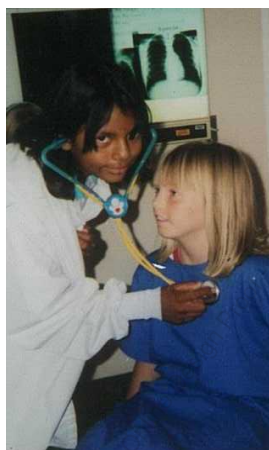
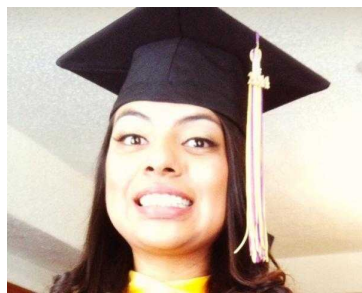
*—Howard Thurman*



# MARIELA ALONSO

My dearest best friend,  
Love you forever and always.

Love,  
Jazmen



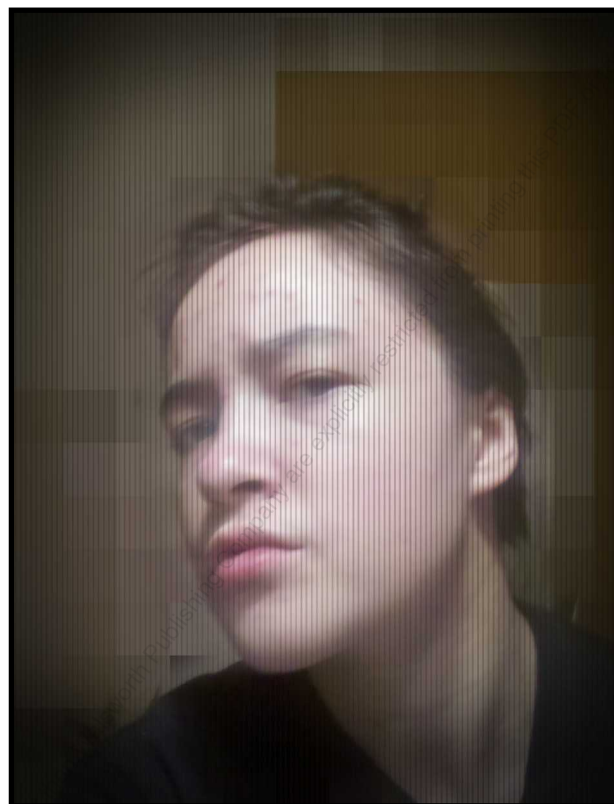


# SAMANTHA COLE

Our Beloved Samantha,

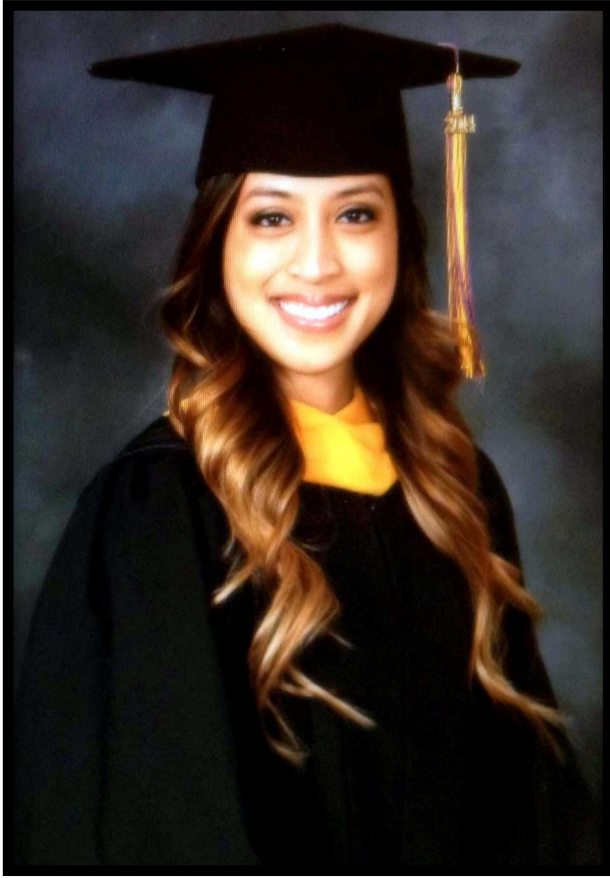
Through the years, we have watched you mature and grow wiser. We are confident in leaving your future in good hands: your own. Do what you love and believe in, and success will come naturally. Seek the Lord's guidance and the moment you need someone to lean on we will always be here for you. We are proud of who you have become.

Love,  
Mommy, Daddy, Kuya, and Cooper





# VICTORIA DAYRIT



Dear Vicky,

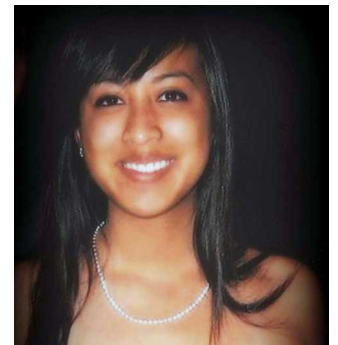
This is one of the happiest and most memorable moment in our lives to see you walk on your College Graduation Day. Love and cherish this moment. We wish you the best of luck on your chosen profession. I know you will be an excellent nurse. You have the love, compassion and strong determination to help people. Always put love of God in your heart first and everything should follow.

Mom and Dad, Ate Christina and Papo, Grandma, Uncle Rudy and Uncle Val love you and will always be very proud of you.

**Congratulations, Victoria!**

The day is finally here!! I am so proud of you, Beeks! Through all the ups and downs, you always stayed driven and determined! It's time to celebrate! Work hard and play hard!

Love you Beeks! <3 Ate





# DANIELLE ESQUIVEL

## *To Our Dear Daughter Danielle*

We are so proud of your hard work and accomplishments in making your dreams come true.



Nothing could be more beautiful than memories of the dear little girl you were except the thought of the unique and wonderful person you are today. Our wishes for a happy future and sincere congratulations.

With lots of love,

Mom, Dad, Marielle,  
Angel, & Bentley

Dear Patrice,

Your academic achievements, honors, awards and scholarship are precedent-setting. You did it all while embracing the athletic, musical, and artistic life as well as maintaining a balanced life with friends, family, health and fun - stay as strong and beautiful as you are and remain true to yourself and your passions and dreams.

"To be nobody but myself - in a world which is doing its best night and day to make you like everybody else, means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight and never stop fighting." - E.E. Cummings

Dedicated to you from your loving family

# PATRICE FRAZIER





## Congratulations Katie Gershik!

Your hard work and dedication in overcoming the many obstacles you faced has brought you to a great milestone, and will continue to propel you to new heights.

Katie, we are all so proud of your achievements and your growth as a woman.

Much success for all you do in the future.

Love you much,  
Mom, Dad, Matt, Erin, Jeff and Jeremy



# KATHERINE GERSHIK



# KATRINA HERNANDEZ

Dear Katrina,

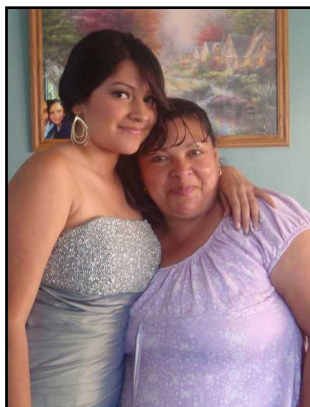
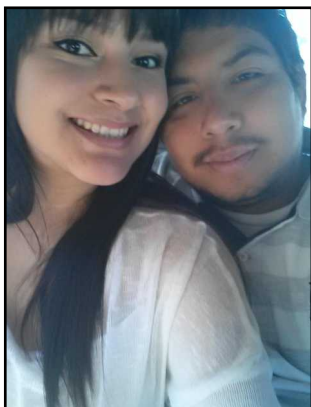
We could not be more proud of you and your accomplishments. You have become an outstanding young woman, daughter and sister with a future as bright as the sun. Your hard work, dedication and determination have propelled you to where you are today graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mount St. Mary's College. Remember to always have faith in God, in your family and to always carry yourself with pride.

We love you so much Punky!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Aly





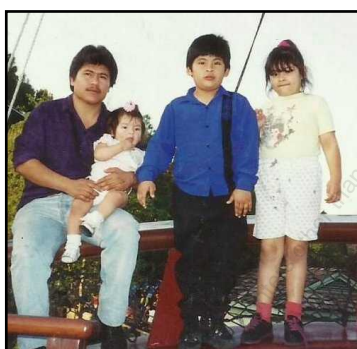


Baby, I'm proud of you. I know it's been a long road for you but you made it to the end. Now it's the start to a new road and I know you will make great things happen. I will always be happy for you and I wish you the best.

-David

Jazmin, All the hard work and effort you put is paying off. I'm glad to say that I look at you as my role model. All the studying and work you have done is all worth it. I love you a lot! Thanks for being my sister.

-Martin



Jazmin estamos muy orgullosos de ti. Gracias por ser como eres. Tu sabes que este es un triunfo de muchos que puedes lograr porque eres una mujer fuerte y luchadora. Te deseamos que todo tu esfuerzo y sacrificio ahora se convierta en bendiciones y triunfos en tu vida. Sigue adelante con tus metas. Te queremos mucho, y gracias por ser nuestra hija.

-Mom & Dad



# JASMINE GONZALEZ



Sister, I'm so PROUD OF YOU. I thank God for giving me a smart, kind and cry baby sister like you. Congratulations on graduating!! We're happy for you and we wish you the best always!

-Sister Bear & Big Fern

Tia Mina, Congratulations on graduating! We know you are a great student, and we hope to follow in your footsteps when we grow up. We are proud of you and we love you with all of our hearts.

-Joshua, Nathan, Britney, Fern, Marianne

Little Sister, I am the proudest brother at this moment, watching you grow up and becoming a successful woman. I love you and I wish you the best in life because you deserve nothing but the best. You will always be my baby sister and I love you with all of my heart sister bear.

-Cesar



# DULCE JAUREGUI

Flaca,

This is a great accomplishment. We love you very much. Know that we are always there for you whenever you need us. You have made us very proud parents.

Congratulations on your Graduation!!  
Go Class of 2014!!

Let's celebrate,  
Salud!!

Lots of Love,  
Dad, Mom, Annabel and Lil Ruben



Congratulations Dulce!!  
We are so proud of you!

Love you,  
Karina, Even, Vero & Edi

# MELINDA MAGALLANES



Melinda,  
Congratulations!  
We are so very proud of you and  
all of your accomplishments.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Andrew



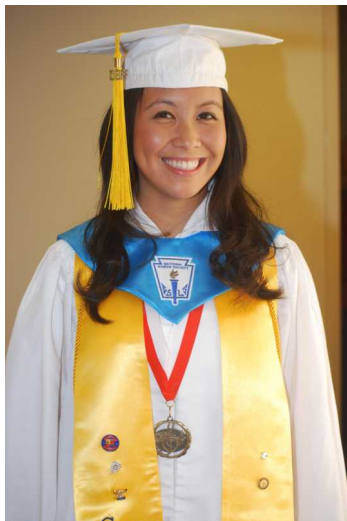


# NICOLE ESTRELLADO JOVELLANA

## Destined for Success



As a Presidential Scholar awardee from Freshman to Senior year, you continued your academic excellence and will graduate CUM LAUDE with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Mount St. Mary's College in 2014. Congratulations Nikki for doing an excellent job at school. You are definitely destined for success. We are proud of you.

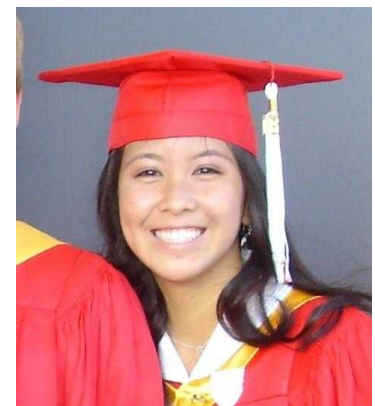


Papa, Mama, and Stephen  
Hep! Hep! Hooray!!!

You graduated with honors from High School at St. Joseph's Catholic school in 2010. You excelled not only in academics but also in singing, tennis, drama, and cultural dancing.



You graduated with honors from Junior High school at St. Ireneaus Catholic school in 2006. You excelled not only in academics but also in other school activities.



As you graduated from Pre-K at Calvary chapel in 1996, you were observed to be active and not shy and always eager to learn new things.



## Congratulations!!!



# MEGAN RODRIGUEZ

To my beautiful daughter,  
Megan from your dad  
I am so proud of you, everything I hoped you would  
be and would accomplish in your life has come true.  
You are intelligent, beautiful, strong-minded, and  
independent. You're going to continue to be  
successful in your life.  
I am proud to be your father, you are the best thing  
that has ever happened to me. You are the first  
person in the entire family to go to college and  
graduate with a degree. What an accomplishment.  
I love you very much, more than life itself.  
I treasure your wisdom, kindness, and love - you  
bestow to those you chose to see your inner self.  
Congratulations Megan + Class of 2014 and may  
God be with you in the future.

Love Dad  
P.S. V.O.A. President 2014



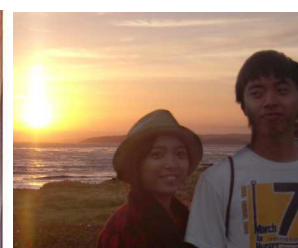
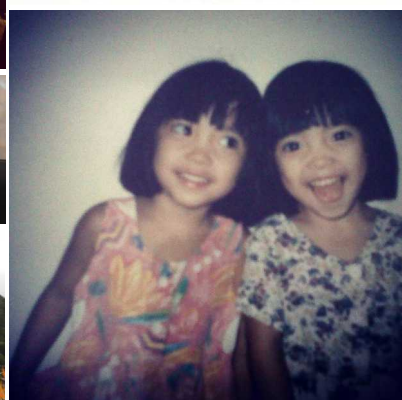
# ANESTASSIA YU

Dearest Taia,  
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

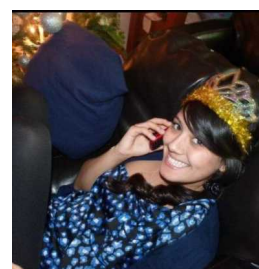
You have grown into a beautiful  
woman. Over these years, you have  
accomplished so much and continue  
to do so! We are so proud of you and  
your success!! You graciously met  
your challenges only to discover that  
the voice of confidence and strength  
lied within you all along. You have  
become a woman of substance,  
passionately determined to make a  
difference in this world. It will be a  
joy to watch you continue to unfold  
and discover your place in this world.  
Good luck on your future endeavors!!

We love you!

Love,  
Papa, Mama, Kuya, Franket, Cheka,  
Lissette, and Dodi <3







# CONGRATULATIONS SAVANNAH ANNE MOORE!!

We thank God for the blessing that you are to us. What a joy you have been, and continue to be! Your hard work, determination, and self-discipline are evident in all that you do. We couldn't be any more proud of the young lady that you have become.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Christopher, & Michael

We would also like to thank the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, President Ann McElaney-Johnson, and all the staff and faculty at the Mount









Our dear Principesa KRIZIA,

Feels like just yesterday when you surprised us that you want to take-up nursing because we know that it entails a lot of hard work! It was awesome that you focused on your goals not only by studying hard but also by getting involved with a lot of school activities: as a student worker, a tutor, into Leadership, doing lots of volunteering and working as Care Partner with UCLA and Children Hospitals!

Words are not enough to express how we are so proud of you! Your passion for this career is more reason we can be more proud of! We wish you all the best - you deserve it! May you continue to shine in whatever things you do with God's & Mother Mary's guidance! Remember that we are here to support and love you - always! Kudos for a job well done....

With all our love,  
Daddy & Mommy



# KRIZIA MARIE TORRES



Dear Krizia,

Congratulations for reaching your goal! We are very happy and proud of you! We know you'd make it - not once did we ever doubt it! All of us here in Seattle are so very proud of your accomplishments! We wish you all the success in life!

Love,  
Lola, Tita Kayla, all your Titos & Jescel

Krizia, congratulations on graduating! I remember when you were first telling me of your pre-nursing days and now here you are! Just want you to know how proud I am of you and how much I look up to you, from helping me out with school to making me laugh over some good food! I'll miss seeing you at the Mount, but I can't wait to see you out there doing your thang as a nurse!

Love you Krisha Kanishka — Yung Vic



Congratulations Ate! I'm so proud that you've finally made it through nursing at MSMC! It's been four long years filled with many hardships and now you're finally done! You have always been a strong source of motivation to me and seeing you graduate and become a nurse is one of the best things I could wish for. I'm excited to see what the future has in store for you! Thank you for being the best sister I could ask for!

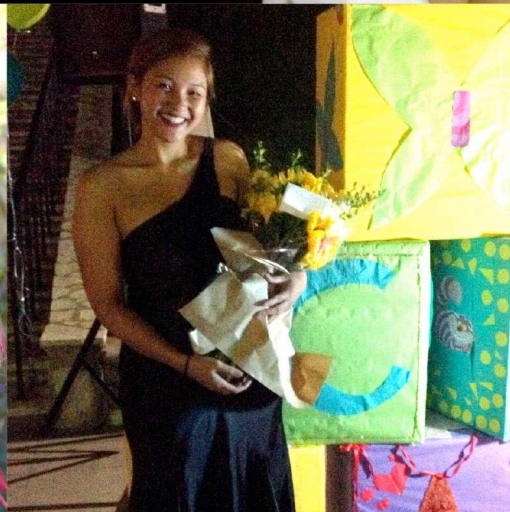
Love you Ate! — Your little bro, Ralph





# NOELLE *angelica* VENEGAS

*Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You inspire us daily to be passionate and compassionate, daring and confident, and loving and gracious. We cannot wait to see what greatness lies ahead of you. We love you!*



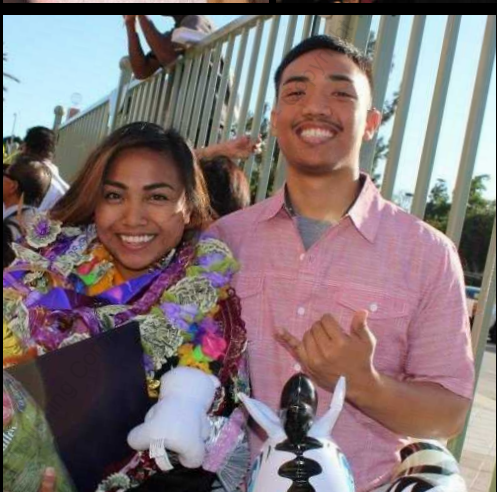




# ALAIZA DANSALAN

In college we meet hundreds of people, which makes it difficult to remember everyone or to not feel overwhelmed. Alaiza Dansalan most definitely overwhelms you when you meet her; but in the best way possible. She is one to remember. She is amazing in every single way, which may be intimidating at first but her sweetness reels you in. This beautiful, intelligent, kind-hearted, athletic, and energetic bundle of joy has blossomed so much over the years. She has not only contributed so much to this school, but to this staff as well and we are so blessed to have had her for her full four years here at the Mount. Aiza, on behalf of the yearbook staff, you will be greatly missed. Never forget how much you are loved and more importantly, never forget how much you can do. If you were able to accomplish as much as you did in the mere four years that you were here, we can only imagine what you have in store for the rest of the world. We know that you will be the best nurse Miss Florence Nightingale. Good luck with your journey.

With much love,  
Yearbook Staff '13-'14





# YEAR BOOK STAFF

2013-2014



## A NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR

Goodbye is merely just another hello to a new beginning. Yes, another fun, intellectual and memorable school year has flown by! It is so surreal to say that my experience at the Mount has finally come to an end. Through this momentous journey, I am honored to have been a part of such a wonderful Mount family and witness the many accomplishments and laughter of everyone that I have met. The yearbook staff has been my family throughout my four years, and I can absolutely say that I had fun capturing the smiles and candid shots of friends, staff and faculties. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to yearbook. With your time and creativity, I can honestly say that we have come a long way. Although this is my last time on yearbook staff, I am confident that there will be many more accomplishments that will be captured through the eyes of many.

As I take my step into the big world, I will carry with me the pride of serving others along with the many lessons I have learned from everyone that I encountered. Thank you for nurturing me in my intellectual and spiritual growth; without your help, I would not be the same person that I am today. In fact, I am sure that several people had a lot to be thankful for this past year as well. So let us take this moment to recap what the past year had in store for us and recognize the bright faces of the Mount along with their stories. Cheers for completing another unforgettable school year! And a special congratulations to the Class of 2014! We did it!

Much love,

Alaiza Dansalan, Class of 2014, Nursing, Editor in Chief

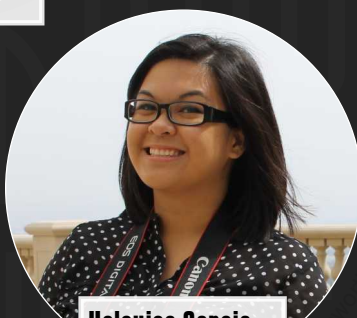




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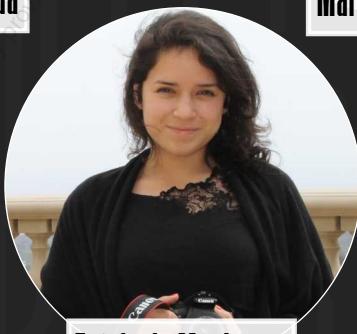
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### Welcoming Japanese Students

The Mount was honored to welcome a wonderful group of Japanese students and educators from the Kakehashi Project, a U.S.-Japan youth exchange program. They were able to meet students and professors from the Mount's Japanese Studies classes and Department of Language and Culture - as well as getting a tour of our Chalon Campus.

### will.i.am promoting STEM Education

The musician, producer, entrepreneur and philanthropist, will.i.am was a special guest speaker at Mount St. Mary's College's Doheny campus on February 18, 2014. He challenged students in the audience to think about careers in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. "Technology doesn't have to be your master. But be literate in it," he said, "because tomorrow will be controlled by those who know how to create and use all this new technology that's coming."



**"The designers of tomorrow are your age. They're being disciplined in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. They're the geeks. The dopest, freshest, most rambunctious, disruptive, coolest, edgiest people on earth right now. And I'm a wanna-geek!"**  
—will.i.am



### An Eye-Opening Simulation



For two days in September, more than 100 Mount nursing students role-played what it was like for low-income families to shuffle through health, government and community resources, food, medicine, and other basic necessities for their families. The goal of the simulation is to give students an understanding for those who live in poverty, and how, as future healthcare professionals, they need to be able to empathize with people's complex situations.

### "Coming home" to the Mount

Hundreds of alums and students attended this year's Homecoming celebration at the Chalon Campus. The College had its annual Founders Day Mass as well as an awards ceremony, and a champagne brunch, while admiring the College's new stone plaza. There were a handful of activities that both alums and current students enjoyed, including a dance party! There were also workshops for comedy improv, cupcake decorating, social media, and even tai chi! Alums were able to reconnect with each other and with the College itself.





### Jing Zhang's Stay at The Mount

During Spring semester, Chinese instructor, Jing Zhang served as MSMC's visiting scholar. A professor of English at the School of Foreign Languages at China's Gannan Normal University since 1992, she is also the Deputy Director of Gannan Normal's Division of Int'l Cooperation & Exchange. Her current research focuses on America's early struggle for cultural independence and it has been such a huge honor having her at the Mount.

### MSMC wins 2014 California Moot Court Classic

Mount's own Claudia Garcia '14 and Viridiana Aceves '14 won the 2014 California Moot Court Classic, out of the 17-team, state-wide competition. The Classic began with teams arguing both sides of an appellate court case, with judges questioning their positions. The MSMC teams made it into the final rounds, with the freshmen team, Karla Ballesteros '17 and Melanie Sava '17 advancing to the later rounds as well, making it a great victory for the College!



### Our New Provost, Dr. Wendy J. McCredie

Dr. Wendy J. McCredie became our Provost the beginning of the Fall semester. As the Provost and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, she is committed and eager to help MSMC faculty as they help their own students in the classroom. Dr. McCredie recently served as the Acting Provost and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Mount Mary, another women's college in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and is excited to now be a part of our Mount Community.

# MOUNT RETROSPECTIVE



### Film Fest: Tamale Road

The College had its first FilmFest on Nov 12, 2014 with the premiere of 'Tamale Road,' a documentary by Marcos McPeck-Villatoro, a two-time Emmy winner and Director of Journalism and New Media at the College. The screening involved a talk with the screenmaker and food concessions that was open to the public. The film follows McPeck-Villatoro and his wife and kids as they travel to El Salvador with their homemade tamales to make new friends among old family. Many secrets were uncovered about the family's past and the identity of their home country. The screening brings the family "home" to the Mount, where Marcos McPeck-Villatoro teaches.



### Women in Public Service Project

Five Mount students attended the Institute for Women's Leadership in Latin America, where 30 emerging leaders from 16 Latin American countries attended. "[The Institute] was the greatest experience of my life," Tatiana Bradley '13 says, "...I met amazing, talented women whom I now call my friends, my mentors and, most of all, my inspirational leaders."



### A Historical Moment

On May 22nd, the Mount's Board of Trustees unanimously changed the name of Mount St. Mary's College to Mount Saint Mary's University. The College has been classified as a university for the past 20 years, and this new name will more accurately reflect the type of education and offerings available at the Mount. The new name will be fully incorporated on January 1, 2015.



# THANK YOU, FOR YOUR SERVICE!



From left to right: President Ann McElaney-Johnson, Provost Wendy McCredie, Amanda Romero, Gregory Travis, Michael Giang, and Sylvine Deprele celebrate the promotion to Associate Professor.



From left to right: Jose Ford, Jessica Otterbein, President Ann McElaney-Johnson, Faraah Mullings, Joseph Mehrez, and Rosalyn Kempf celebrate their 10 year anniversary.



Every year, staff and faculty work hard to provide to the College and its students. Which is why we reserved a special day to celebrate and thank them for all their hard work and efforts. Staff and faculty were recognized on this day, some were promoted, while others were acknowledged for their continued service to the Mount. Although this day came and went, we are still grateful for such wonderful people and all that they do for the Mount community.



From left to right front row: Veronica Portillo, Peggy Sutterley, Lidia Iriarte, President Ann McElaney-Johnson, Laura Crow, Akosua Amporful, back row left to right: Rodrigo Cuevas Pena, Wendy Galan, Mark Forte, and Haydee Ruiz all celebrate their 15 year anniversary.



From left to right: Debbie Ream, Patti Graham, President Ann McElaney-Johnson, Tony Law, and Edgar Perez celebrate their 5 year anniversary.



